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TOKYO READY TO CELEBRATE NANKING'S FALL

Tokyo, To-day.

Elated by news of imminent fall of Nanking, the population of Tokyo is planning celebrations on a vast scale.

The Municipality has ordered preparations for mobilisation of 800,000 school children and students in flag parades as soon as news of capture of the Chinese capital is flashed.

Fifty thousand children will parade on the Plaza before the Imperial Palace and will "Banzai" the Emperor, while 20,000 youths will gather at various points in the evening to stage a lantern parade to the Palace, the War Ministry and the Navy Ministry.

Similar celebrations are being arranged all over Japan. — Reuter.

JAPANESE NOW WITHIN 10 MILES OF WUHU

Wuhu, 2 p.m., To-day.

Critical news of the imminence of a Japanese attack on Wuhu has been confirmed by the sounds of guns to the west of the city.

Another severe air attack was launched this morning, creating panic among the population and doing heavy damage.

Thousands of people are crossing the Yangtze in small boats, fleeing into north Anhwei. — Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, 1.37 p.m. To-day.

A Japanese spokesman states that five brigades of Japanese troops are now within ten miles of Wuhu, having advanced steadily across country from Hangchow Bay.

Two brigades are due east of Wuhu and three are approaching here and there, he stated, but up to now the Japanese advance has not been seriously challenged.

TROOPS REPORTED WITHIN 3,000 METRES

Shanghai, 1.55 p.m., To-night.

Foreign military observers confess to complete perplexity regarding developments in the vicinity of Nanking, upon which the Japanese are rapidly advancing without meeting with serious resistance.

Reliable reports from the capital indicate that the suburbs have been to-day submitted to a severe aerial attack and to bombardment from heavy artillery, while a large part of Pukow was devastated in a mass air raid in which a score of 500 lb. bombs were dropped.

Chinese military strategy in defence of the capital furnishes a puzzle, as it seems to consist of the concentration of nearly all available forces within the immediate precincts of Nanking.

In the meantime, it is confirmed that three Japanese columns, all within four to five miles of Nanking, have formed contact, throwing a ring round the city from south to north-east. The Wakizaka and Shimoda Brigades, which occupied Kiachamen yesterday, claim to have captured the nearby airfield three hours later. They occupy the right flank and are within 3,000 metres of the walls of Nanking.

CHUNGSHANHING SETBACK

Two other brigades have reached Chilingmen from Kuyung and are now besieging Chungshanling where they are encountering stiff resistance for the first time. It is admitted by Japanese headquarters that the attack has been beaten off at Chungshanling.

The Fukuda and Yamada Brigades from Lishiu report that they reached Chialukso at noon to-day.

"TWO-DAYS" PROPHECY

The Japanese army investing Nanking is believed now to be consolidating before launching their attack on the city, but a military spokesman in Shanghai this afternoon said that a general offensive would soon be ordered and the fall of Nanking could safely be predicted within two days.

Sharp skirmishes have occurred here and there, he stated, but up to now the Japanese advance has not been seriously challenged.

HAN FU-CHU REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE

Tsinanfu, 1.30 p.m. To-day. Resumption of hostilities on the Shantung front are imminent and the situation in Tsinanfu is extremely tense.

The Japanese have commenced a severe bombardment of the defence positions on the south bank of the Yellow River and attempts to cross are expected during the night.

The developments follow the refusal of General Han Fu-chu to entertain the idea of negotiating independent peace terms with the Japanese commander.

Reports state that religious bodies in Tsinan endeavoured to persuade Han Fu-chu to compromise, but the Shantung leader declined to listen.

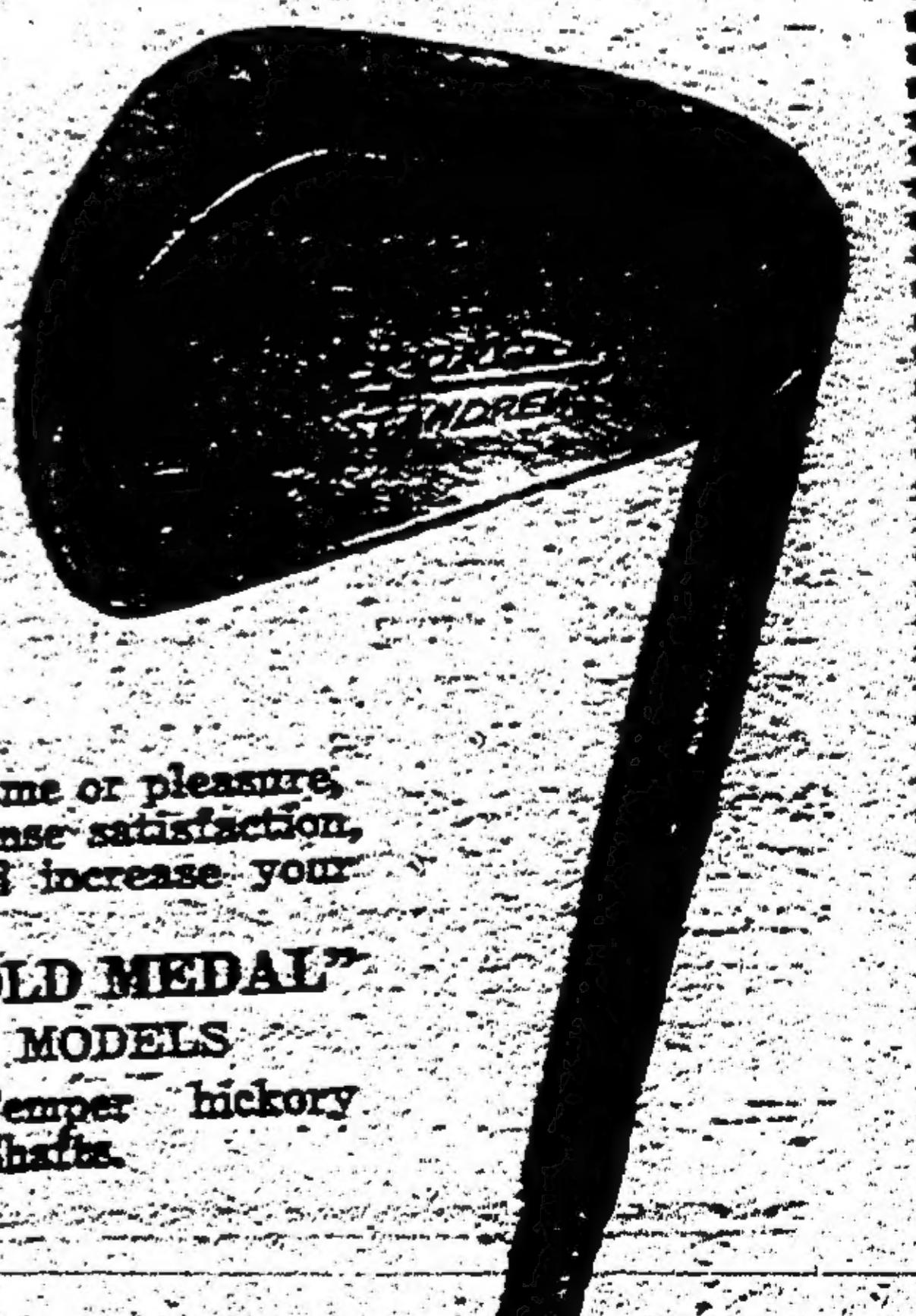
Chinese artillery is replying to the Japanese fire and special precautions are being taken along the river against surprise landing.

MYSTIFICATION
There is general mystification regarding the explanation for the tempts. — Our Own Correspondent.

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For the first sift half a pound of flour into a bowl with nearly half a teaspoonful of salt, rub in three ounces of butter, and make into a stiff paste with an egg beaten with two or three teaspoonfuls of milk. To this may be added two or three ounces of grated cheese before the liquid; the cheese must be finely grated and very dry. Roll out to the thickness of cardboard and cut into strips, which should be made into rings, twists, knots, or matchsticks. To vary, the salt can be left out and the biscuit sprinkled with celery or tomato salt after they are baked.

VARIATIONS

For the second mixture just sift half a pound of flour into a bowl with half a teaspoonful of salt and make into a stiff paste with about a teaspoonful of water. Flour the board and rolling-pin well when rolling out so that the mixture does not stick, as it must be rolled out very thinly. To vary the flavour add a dash of meat extract to the water or use onion or celery salt instead of ordinary salt. A little cayenne or coralline pepper can be added if liked.

These plain biscuits can be sandwiched with various cheese fillings. A good filling is made by mixing grated Parmesan cheese with enough whipped cream to make a stiff paste, flavour with salt, paprika pepper, and sandwich between two biscuits. Or use equal quantities of butter and grated cheese and flavour with lemon juice, mustard, salt, and pepper. Or add finely chopped olive to mild-flavoured cream cheese, or mix chopped walnuts with the cream cheese, which should be flavoured with salt and cayenne. Or add chopped salted almonds to the cheese.

L. M.

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Nearly every activity known to womankind is capable of either greatly enhancing or greatly detracting from the feminine aura of glamour.

Some women make the drinking of a cocktail a very charming rite. Others—No!

Smoking a cigarette can be a very intriguing affair—or it can be a series of nervous gestures which are far from soothing to the onlooker.

The application of make-up may afford a companion—either a delightful sense of intimacy, or the disillusioning impression of having been given a too hurried “behind the scenes” tour.

WE “TALK SHOP”

All of these subjects came up in a conversation I had with Rosalind Russell not so long ago—a conversation in which we both “talked shop” a great deal—and Miss Russell summed up in a few words a major remedy for the deglamourising phases of any of these items of social habit.

“If people would only calm down and take their time, Mr. Factor,” he said, “they wouldn’t have to worry about such things at all.”

Rosalind was very correct in this observation. Nervous hurry in any activity is very fatal to feminine charm particularly if the person witnessing this fury knows that the occasion really requires no rush at all. Such rushing is conducive to an almost complete loss of poise, and with this gone glamour is gone, too.

After Miss Russell had made her pertinent observation, I started considering her from that very viewpoint which she had mentioned. I had always subconsciously known that her mastery of poise was a complete one. I had never before, however, really analyzed this item by item, and I took this opportunity to do so.

TECHNIQUE

I observed Rosalind’s technique in handling her cigarette. I noted that it was altogether a graceful, dangerous process. She did not jerkily flick its ashes or viciously batter out its ember when she had finished with it. Rosalind was taking her time.

At the luncheon table I observed and marvelled at her utter composure in eating and drinking. Too many women—some by necessity,



Glamorous or—



Rosalind Russell, who agrees with Max Factor that a great deal of extra glamour may be obtained by people who “calm down and take their time.”

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know—are too completely victims to the gnash-through-a-sandwich technique of the lunch counters.

Back in Miss Russell’s dressing room, I continued my observations. I suggested to the star that she apply some of her own make-up—“Just to keep in practice,” was my subterfuge—and I noted that her calmness extended even to this operation. There was no slap-dashing on of powder or any of the other make-up materials—it was all done with a very soothing deliberation.

No wonder, was my thought, that this lovely Rosalind Russell has such perfect poise; every move she makes contributes toward just that poise.

My mind went back into “shop channels.” I started to wonder why all women couldn’t acquire at least some of this same pure glamour of personality which is so naturally consequent to the proper control of effort.

“NERVES”

Some women, I realised, were irritably hurried in even their most trivial activities because they really had too much to accomplish in too short a time. And I knew that some others, who apparently move in a perpetual frenzy, are the real victims of “nerves,” and that a nerve specialist offered the best recourse for them.

But, on the other hand, the fact does remain that there are many who dash frantically about everything they do, merely from habit, or possibly from a too liberal acceptance of those old adages about the merits of bees being busy, and the devilish perils afforded by idle hands, and things of that sort.

For this latter group, bees or no bees, I would suggest a studied

effort to acquire the pleasing habit of making their motions more deliberate ones. A rich reward of glamour will probably come from it.

Remember—a cocktail can be glamorously imbibed. Cigarettes can be smoked with charm. Every activity can be a study in soothing motion.

That is, every activity except one.

In spite of all my inborn optimism, I can conceive of no way in which my favourite tabu-for-women, chewing gum, can be masticated to the furtherance of glamour.



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12.30 p.m.—Tchaikovsky: 'Eugen Onegin'—Waltz. Royal Opera Orch., Covent Garden. Cond: Eugene Goossens.
Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71a. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—London Piano-Accordion Band and Sam Browne (Guitar).
1.25 p.m.—Rester & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Rev. J. D. MacLean. Subject: "Housing and Citizenship".
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
"I Want To Be A Nudist."
The Wedding Of A Gigolo (Pola, Nesbitt & Walker). Eddie Pola with Orchestra.
Dance Orchestra—Favourite Favourites, No. 3—Fox-Trot Medley. The Ballyhooligans.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Cautious Bidding; Clever Play

Most experts have a veritable horror of doubtful overcalls. This is increased when they themselves are vulnerable against nonvulnerable opponents. They fully appreciate the fact that if the opponents are alert they will be ready to pounce on even a one bid with ferocious intent.

But this fear applies only to immediate overcalls. Although experts always are wary of "traps," they rarely hesitate to enter the bidding on a medium sized hand when the opponents, by stopping at the one or two level, virtually guarantee that they do not hold big hands. Consider the bidding technique of the South player in the hand shown below. Then consider his excellent play for the contract which was reached with comparative caution.

West, dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S—A 10 9 4
H—A 10 8 5
D—10 6 3
C—9 8

WEST EAST
S—J 5 3 2 S—K 7
H—K 7 H—6 4 3 2
D—A J 9 4 2 D—8 5
C—7 3 C—A J 10 5 4

SOUTH
S—Q 8 6
H—Q J 9
D—K Q 7
C—K Q 6 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 club Pass
1 diam. Pass Pass 1 no trump
Pass 2 no trump Pass 3 no trump
Pass Pass Pass

South's two and one-half plus honour tricks did not justify a no trump overcall to the club bid. Such an overcall shows virtually the same values as an opening no trump bid. After East had dropped West's diamond response, however, the matter assumed quite a different complexion. First, East had opened the bidding third hand, which in itself was ground for some suspicion. Second, West having passed originally, probably vulnerable.

Today's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c.s. ZEK 640 k.c.s.

Duet—A Little White Room ("Flood-light"—Nichols). Frances Day & John Mills.
Vocal—Artificial Flowers ("Flood-light"—Nichols). Frances Day (Soprano).
Organ—Popular Melodies—No. 3. Harold Ramsay.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal and Piano).
When My Mammy Smiles (M. Hodges).
I Feel Like A Feather In The Breeze (film "The Charm School"). It's Great To Be In Love Again (Koehler & McHugh).
A Waltz Was Born In Vienna (Crocker & Loewe).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Wheels'. A programme by Jonquil Antony . . . and ever goeth the wheel about.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Puccini recital by Francesca Denies (Soprano) accompanied by Luba Shafrazi (Piano).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Stars of Variety.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra—Mannin Veen (Haydn Wood).
Shepherd's Song.

Rondel: Mina Like To The Damask Rose (Elgar).
Homage March. Concert Waltz—Joyousness (Haydn Wood).

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—The RBC West Of England Singers in Traditional Songs and Folk-Songs of the West Country.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—Intermission. A programme of novelty numbers and solo pieces.
10.55 p.m.—London Relay—Oxford v. Cambridge. A running commentary on the Inter-University Rugby Union Football Match by H. B. T. Wakeman from Twickenham. (By courtesy of the Rugby Football Union).
11.45 p.m.—Close down.

11.15 a.m.—Entertainment at St. George's—18.7.1937. The story of a London Hall of Entertainment through seventy years.

12.15 p.m.—'Wheels'. A feature programme by Jonquil Antony.

12.45 p.m.—Organ Recital by George Altham.

1.15 p.m.—Stars of Variety.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close down.

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3.45 p.m.—Sir Harry Lander (Songs).
4 p.m.—The News & Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Keyboard Music through the Ages—10. Modern French Composers.

4.45 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

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5.45 p.m.—Topical Talk.
6 p.m.—News.

8.30 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners in the Far East.

9.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
10 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEENS—Another Dawn, with Errol Flynn and Kay Francis. The story of a small British garrison in Iraq and the love for of two men for the same girl. One of the tensest and most gripping of the eternal triangle stories.

AT THE ORIENTAL—Go West Young Man, with Mae West, Warren William, Randolph Scott and Alice Brady. The hilarious story of a touring movie star who falls for a shy young country lad.

AT THE MAJESTIC—A Star Is Born—Frederic March and Janet Gaynor are co-starred in this technicolor production. It is a glamorous story of Hollywood in which Janet rockets from extra girl to star overnight. The brilliant cast includes Adolphe Menjou, Andy Devine, May Robson, Lionel Stander, Owen Moore, Edgar Kennedy, and Gunn Williams.

AT THE KING'S—"Topper", with Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen-pecked husband who finds himself as the result of a dreadful nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Souls at Sea," with Gary Cooper, George Raft and Frances Dee. The greatest adventure romance in the whole exciting history of the seven seas. Courage, and disaster, faith and treachery are interwoven in the picture, directed by Henry Hathaway, the man who thrilled the world with the "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer."

AT THE STAR—"Easy Living"—Big business, funny business, crooked business and sticky business combine in a comedy riot that is going to be everybody's business. Starring Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold, Ray Milland, Luis Alberni, Mary Nash and Franklin Pangborn.

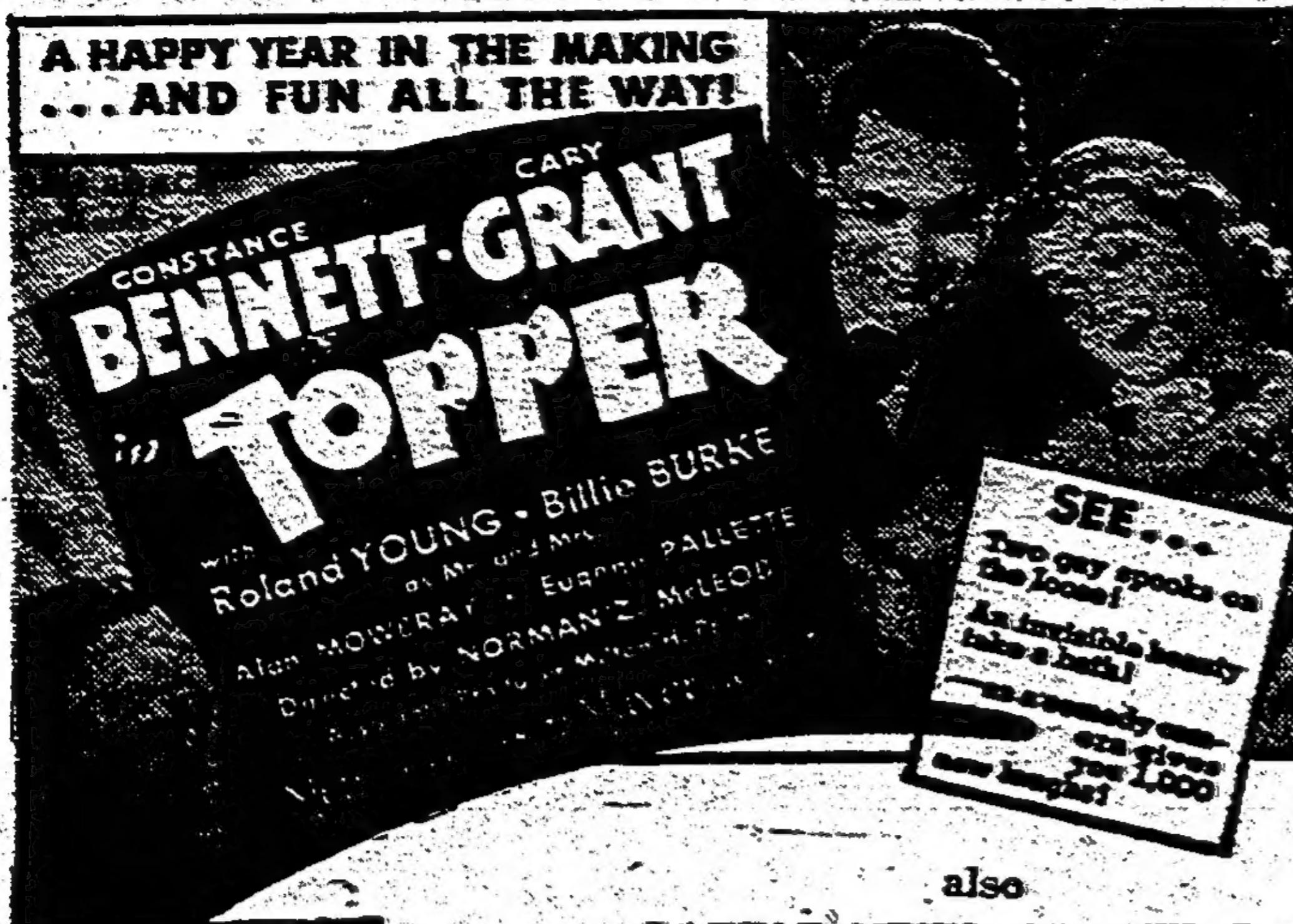


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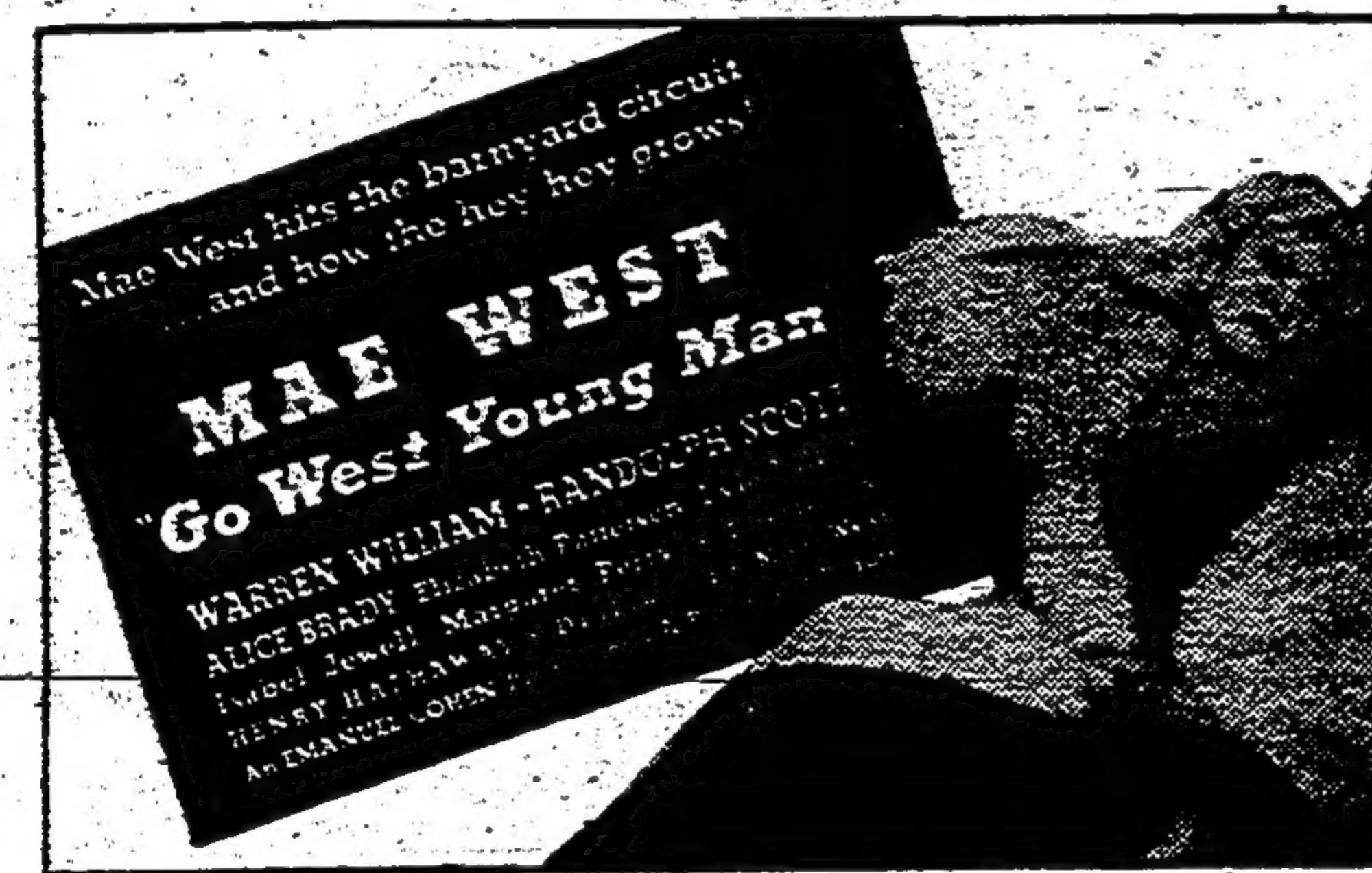


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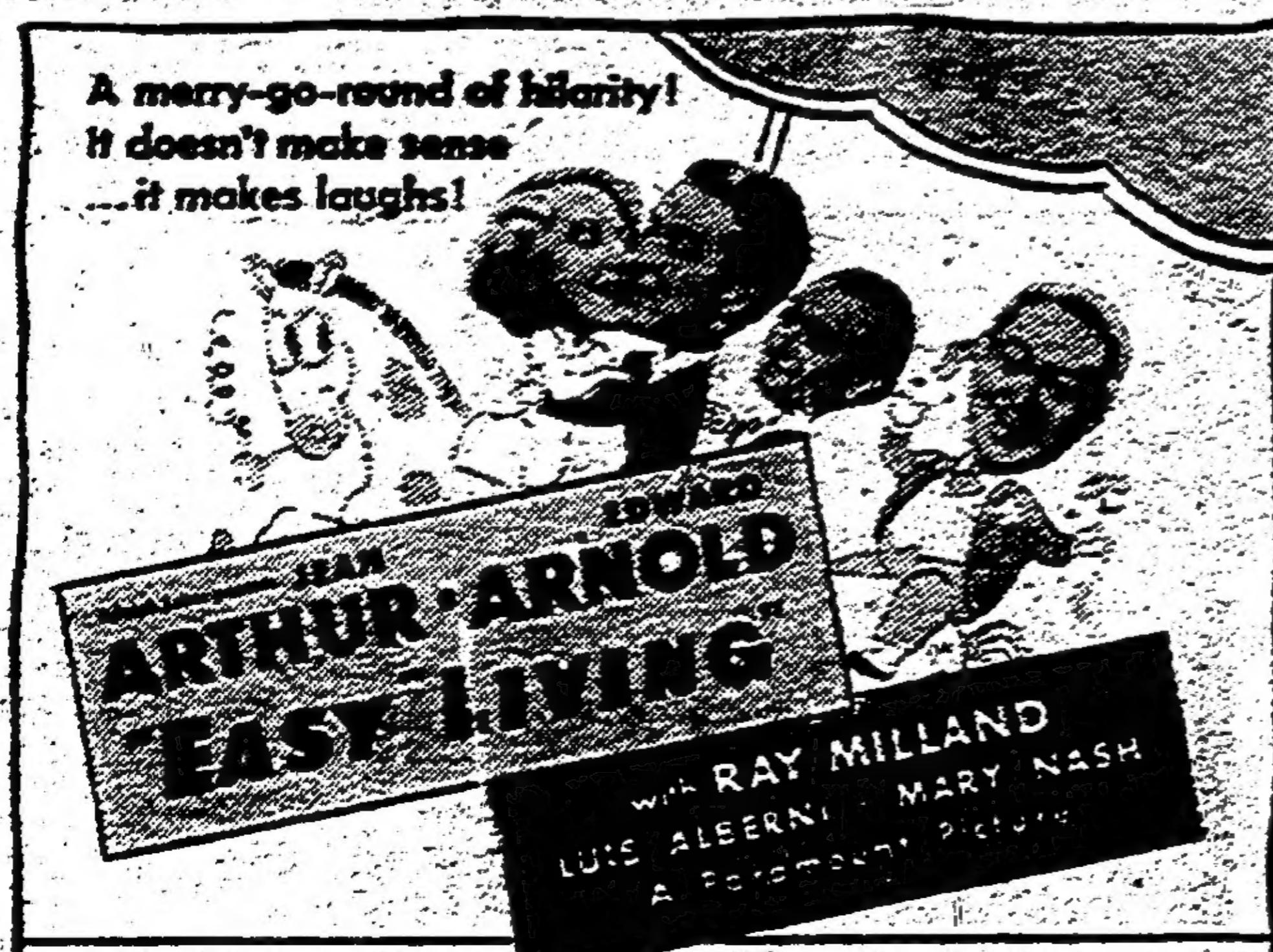
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RITTER VON EPP ON REICH COLONIAL CLAIMS

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

AN OFFICIAL GERMAN DECLARATION IN REPLY TO ASSERTIONS THAT GERMANY'S COLONIAL CLAIMS EXTEND ALSO TO PORTUGUESE ANGOLA AND THE BELGIAN CONGO, WAS MADE LAST NIGHT BY THE LEADER OF THE REICH'S COLONIAL LEAGUE, STATTHALTER RITTER VON EPP, ADDRESSING ABOUT 10,000 MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE AT A MASS MEETING IN THE BERLIN SPORTS PALACE.

Ritter von Epp said: "The German people does not want anything that belongs to anyone else."

"But the German people demand back those territories across the seas which they had acquired legally and peacefully, and now require urgently to enable them to live."

"It is to be regretted that the foreign press has asserted that Germany has intentions regarding the Belgian Congo and Portuguese Angola. Such allegations can only serve to poison the atmosphere."

Ritter von Epp, who constantly spoke of "colonies that belong to us," said: "We were not born as 'Have-nots' and have no intention of remaining such."

"No legal basis whatever exists for continuation of mandates."

NOT STRATEGICAL

Ritter von Epp also dealt with fears that Germany wanted her colonies back to be able to carry out strategical plans.

"We do not want colonies in order to be able to raid the property of others," he stated, "and we do not want colonies for strategical reasons."

"We do not want to go just where others want to send us but want to go back to where we have already worked, where we have made wild country into German soil, and where human beings with whom we worked decades ago have not forgotten us."

"It is moreover easy to say to-day that German colonies had always been a drain on our resources but the truth is that they were taken away from us in the very moment when, thanks to the untiring efforts of German settlers, the colonies were about to become a paying proposition."

RAW MATERIALS NOT A SUBSTITUTE

Ritter von Epp rejected proposals that Germany should receive the equivalent for colonies in obtaining access to sources of raw materials, declaring that the value of colonies could not be computed alone from the value of their export and import trade.

The meeting came to an end amidst thunderous applause when the Deputy Nazi regional leader declared: "Our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, will one day give us our colonies back again!"—Trans-Ocean.

REVENUE STAMP FRAUD FINE

A fine of \$200 was imposed on Chui Ying-yau, of No. 156, Des Voeux Road Central, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, when he was found guilty of affixing used revenue stamps on seven rent receipts between October last year and May this year.

Sergeant Whitcroft said the stamps had been washed. They had been fixed on rent receipts and in some cases there were still marks showing where they had been defaced.

H.K. SPEED UP IN AIR MAILED TO EUROPE

Imperial Airways announce that the proposed change of route Hong Kong/Penang to Hong Kong/Bangkok, which was recently postponed owing to a diplomatic hitch, will now take place on Sunday, December 19th.

Further, in order to maintain a through connection Hong Kong/Singapore, a special service will be operated between Bangkok and Singapore commencing on Saturday, December 18th in the Westbound direction from Singapore, and on Tuesday, December 21st in the Eastbound direction from Bangkok.

This special service will operate between Bangkok and Singapore until the Empire Flying Boats are in regular operation on the Australian route as far as the latter port.

Brief details of the time-table which will be in force during the first few weeks of operation over the new route are given below.

WESTBOUND
Leave Hong Kong Sunday 11.00 L.S.T.
Arrive Bangkok Monday Afternoon
Arrive Singapore Tuesday Afternoon
Arrive Brisbane Tuesday week
Arrive London Monday

EASTBOUND
Leave London Sunday
Arrive Bangkok Saturday
Arrive Hong Kong Monday 13.00 L.S.T.

Leave Brisbane Saturday
Leave Singapore Saturday week
Arrive Bangkok Saturday

Arrive Hong Kong Monday 13.00 L.S.T.

As originally notified, it is hoped that after some weeks' operation on the new route it will be possible to fly Hong Kong/Bangkok and vice versa in one day with a consequent reduction in transit time to all stations on the main trunk route between London and Australia.

The above alterations in time-table when in force will, of course, cause a revision of mailing times, details of which will be published by the G.P.O.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

A unique opportunity of hearing an excellent selection of sacred music will be provided to-morrow evening at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, when a concert will be given in the church at 6 p.m.

The concert will be under the direction of Rev. Fr. Rignani, who will play some of his own compositions on the organs. His two items will be based on themes from Haydn and Pergolesi. Choral items by these two composers will be sung by the Little Flower Choir, with the solo parts taken by Miss N. Hyndman, Miss C. Silva, Mr. G. d'Aquino and Mr. G. Stopani-Thomson. The choir will also sing extracts from Mozart's Mass in C and Verdi's Stabat Mater. Mr. G. Pellegatti will contribute cello solos, one of which will be one of less familiar compositions of Boccherini.

The entire proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Christmas fund for the poor of the parish.

A loss of \$150 in Shanghai currency has been reported to the Police by Pak Ma-kui, residing at Room No. 412, Asia Hotel, who states the money was stolen from his room yesterday.

AMERICAN BID TO STOP BUSINESS RECESSION

Washington, To-day.

A SEVEN POINT national economic recovery programme was outlined yesterday by Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary for Agriculture, in a radio talk in which he appealed for the full co-operation of all sections of trade to bring about a co-ordinated drive against business recession.

Mr. Wallace urged co-operation in, firstly, the revival of housing. Secondly, the revision of taxation to cure injustice but maintain revenue.

Thirdly, the maintenance of farm purchasing power by an enactment to assure an ever-normal granary.

Fourthly, maintenance of the purchasing power of labour by the formulation of a sensible labour programme.

CHEAP CREDIT

Fifthly, assurance of an abundance of supply of cheap credit and capital by a healthy securities market, with a view to encouraging an increase in output.

Sixthly, the employment and the provision of Government capital in case of need, to carry the burden until private capital takes over, and

Seventhly, continuance of careful approach for revival of world peace and world trade by a reciprocal trade programme. — Reuter.

DORMANCY ON ALL NORTH CHINA FRONTS

Tientsin, To-day.

The Japanese troops operating in the Taiyuanfu area are reported to be retreating slowly northwards, in the face of the danger of their communication lines being permanently severed by Chinese guerillas who have been very active since the Japanese occupation of Shanghai.

According to reports received during the past week, the Chinese have taken over several small towns previously occupied by the Japanese.

No severe fighting is reported in any sector in North China.

In Shantung, the Japanese and the Chinese are maintaining their positions along the north and south banks of the Yellow River, exchanging occasional fire from artillery. — Our Own Correspondent.

ADMIRAL LITTLE'S PROTEST ON WUHU ATTACK

Shanghai, To-day.

The British commander-in-chief, Admiral Sir Charles Little, has sent a written protest to Admiral Hasegawa, Japanese commander-in-chief, concerning the bombing of Wuhu. — Reuter.

WUHU AGAIN BOMBED

Shanghai, To-day.

Wuhu was again heavily bombed last night, according to Chinese reports, adding that fires are furiously blazing away, and that about 200 civilians have been killed. — Our Own Correspondent.

RECORD S. ATLANTIC FLIGHT

Natal (Brazil), To-day. Two French airmen, their names unknown, who crossed the South Atlantic in the record time of 11 hours 5 minutes recently, yesterday took off at 7.30 a.m. for Dakar, on their homeward flight. — Reuter.

TOKYO PEACE EFFORTS COMMENT

Tokyo, To-day. It is authoritatively stated that Japan has never been approached by a third party regarding proposed good offices for mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Nor has Japan been informed by Germany regarding the activities of the German Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, at Hankow and Nanking.

Questioned, a spokesman of the Foreign Office this morning said that Japan would welcome the good offices of a third party, but had never requested any specific country to mediate in the conflict.

The spokesman declined to divulge Japan's peace terms but declared that Japan's fundamental policy was simple and that Nanking abandon its anti-clear, namely, Japan demands Japanese policy and instead to pursue a policy of co-operation with Japan.

Questioned whether Japan would deal with the National Government, the spokesman said: "Certainly. Japan is ready to deal with any central government in China, although it is China's internal question whether General Chiang Kai-shek is to retain supreme power in China." — Reuter.

NINGHAI SCUTTLED

Tokyo, To-day. One of the biggest stories in the Japanese press is capture of the Chinese-Japanese-constructed cruiser Ninghai by Japanese marines in the Yangtze.

According to the newspaper, the Ninghai, the only first-class modern fighting vessel in the Chinese navy, was then scuttled. — Trans-Ocean.

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KING LEOPOLD'S VISIT CONTINUES SPECULATION ON MARRIAGE PROSPECTS

London, To-day.

THE private visit to England of King Leopold of Belgium, his brother, Charles, Count of Flanders, and his mother, Queen Elizabeth, is attracting much attention in the newspapers, which are generally disinclined to believe the official dementi that the visit is not connected with any marriage projects.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Paris, To-day.

Foot and mouth disease, which has been ravaging Britain, Germany, the Netherlands and France, has spread considerably in the latter country since November 15.

On November 30, says an official announcement, there were 367 affected communities in which 43,318 animals were suffering from the disease, about 8,000 more than the previous fortnight.—Trans-Ocean.

The Belgian royal party are staying as the guests of the Duke of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, and the name both of King Leopold and his brother has been linked with the Duke's grand-daughter, Lady Anne Cavendish-Bentinck.

Some papers assert that the Count of Flanders will shortly become engaged to Lady Anne, while others expect King Leopold to marry Princess Maria of Savoy, daughter of the King of Italy.

It has so far not been ascertained whether Princess Maria is also staying at Welbeck Abbey.—Trans-Ocean.

MISHAP TO PRINCE BERNHARD

Amsterdam, To-day.

Although his condition is by no means regarded as serious, the doctors are taking no chances over Prince Bernhard, who has not yet fully recovered from the effects of his motor crash last week.

Only his wife, Princess Juliana, and Queen Wilhelmina, are allowed to see him.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW C.-IN-C. OF AUSTRALIAN NAVY

London, To-day.
Appointment of Rear-Admiral W. N. Custance as commander-in-chief of the Royal Australian Squadron, was announced yesterday.

He will succeed Rear-Admiral R. H. O. Lane-Poole.

The Dominion Government, says the announcement, has already given its approval to the appointment, and it is expected that the change will take place at the beginning of next April.—Trans-Ocean.

DECLINES TO COMMENT ON RUMOURS

Dublin, To-day.

Count Edward Taafe, regarded in some quarters as the future President of the Irish Free State, has arrived in Dublin accompanied by his wife, the former Grace MacLaughlin.

In a statement to journalists yesterday, the Count announced his intention of settling permanently in Ireland, but in reply to a question concerning the possibility of his election as President of Eire, the Count declared: "I can say nothing."

Count Taafe belongs to an ancient Irish family which emigrated some centuries ago in consequence of persecution and has since resided in Austria.

His grandfather, Count Taafe, was the well-known Austrian statesman in the nineteenth century.

Count Edward himself has lived at Ellischen Castle, near Prague, since 1932.

MR. DE VALERA'S POSITION

In connection with rumours concerning his election as President, political circles point out that Mr. Eamonn de Valera, now President of the Executive Council, has declined to accept the office of President for himself, and has stated that the post must be occupied by a personality outside and above Irish political parties.

It is further stated that Count Taafe, has sold his estates in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The Count, who speaks both English and Gaelic fluently, is said to also be a close personal friend of Mr. de Valera.—Trans-Ocean.

PALESTINE MILITARY COURTS

Jerusalem, To-day.

A military court, sitting at Nazareth yesterday, sentenced two Arabs to life imprisonment for carrying arms.

Both pleaded guilty of illegal possession of rifles and revolvers.—Reuter.

UNDERGROUND REFUGES FOR SWEDISH NAVY

Stockholm, To-day.

A striking proposal for provided protection for the Swedish navy in the event of attack from the air, is put forward by Rear-Admiral Tamm, commander-in-chief of the Swedish coastal fleet, in his annual report, just issued.

Admiral Tamm suggests that it would be worth considering a plan of blasting a tunnel in the granite cliffs of the rocky islands outside Stockholm.

This tunnel should be made at sea level so that naval vessels could simply pass in and out, and thus be under impenetrable cover in the event of air attack.

ANOTHER REFUGE

In addition, a spot on the western coast of Sweden, between Goeteborg and the "Norwegian frontier, also has all necessary qualifications for serving as a similar refuge.

Preliminary investigations have already been made, and blasting operations would not be extremely costly.

Whole submarine flotillas, says the Admiral, could be kept in safety in this way.—Trans-Ocean.

KING'S PARTY IN WINDSOR FOREST

London, To-day.

The King went shooting yesterday in Windsor Forest with a number of friends. The party included the Earl of Athlone. The Earl and Countess have been the guests of the King and Queen at Royal Lodge during the weekend. The weather was cold and fine.—British Wireless.

Students, friends and alumni of the Shanghai, Nanking, Kuling, Hankow, and Hong Kong Language Schools, are cordially invited to tea at 398 Conduit Road, to-morrow from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. A special feature will be Marionette and Vocal Solos by Mrs. R. H. Hartwell of Shanghai, and Mrs. C. E. Wimber of Canton.

JAPAN'S DIFFICULTIES TO BEGIN AFTER NANKING

German Military Estimate Of Political Outlook

PRESSURE BY POWERS WILL BECOME A FACTOR

Berlin, To-day.

The view held in German army circles concerning possible political effects of the military operations in China, is expressed in an article by Major Hesse, of the German War Office, in the "Berliner Morgenpost" yesterday.

The author points out that two main difficulties are likely to arise for the Japanese after the victories they may achieve on the battlefield.

Firstly, owing to decrease of the Chinese Government's influence, chaotic conditions may arise which on the one hand, would favour Bolshevik propaganda, and on the other hand, might lead to a prolonged and exhausting guerilla war.

Secondly, constantly increasing friction will probably be created between Japan and other powers having economic and financial interests in China.

BRITAIN'S POSITION

In this connection the author asks whether Britain can afford to pass over in silence the blockade of Canton and South China, which affects the prestige of the British Empire.

The author concludes by saying that even if no military intervention is to be expected from outside, at any rate for the time being, yet the pressure which the Powers might bring to bear on China in the matter of peace negotiations, would produce important consequences for Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO-POLISH ALLIANCE CEMENTED

Warsaw, To-day.

Many Franco-Polish differences of opinion have been removed and there are no longer any obstacles to co-operation between the two countries. This is believed to have been accomplished as the result of the present visit of the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos.

M. Delbos yesterday morning received the Order of the White Eagle, the highest Polish decoration.

Interviewed, he expressed pleasure at the warmth of his welcome, and said that the Franco-Polish alliance was not a mere paper friendship but a definite alliance for the stability of Europe.

M. Delbos lunched with the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, after which both statesmen went to Cracow.—Reuter.

U.S. ENVOY IN BERLIN TO BE RECALLED

Berlin, To-day.

Recall of the United States Ambassador in Berlin, Mr. William Edward Dodd, is imminent, according to political quarters here.

It is expected that announcement of Mr. Dodd's recall, and his replacement by Mr. Hugh Wilson, director of the political section of the State Department in Washington, will be made to-day (Tuesday).

Mr. Dodd has held the Berlin post since the Summer of 1933. Mr. Hugh Wilson is a professional diplomat. He will not be a stranger to Berlin, since he was a member of the staff of the United States Embassy in the German capital in 1916 and again in 1920.

From 1937 to 1937, Mr. Wilson was Minister in Berlin, whence he was recalled about four months ago to take over his present post at the State Department.

BERLIN PLEASED

Political quarters in Berlin are extremely gratified that President Roosevelt has picked Mr. Wilson for Berlin, since the latter enjoys the reputation of being an exceedingly acute diplomat and well versed in European affairs.

It is hoped the appointment will greatly facilitate re-establishment of normal commercial relations between the United States and Germany.

It is stressed that Germany has never closed the door to normal commercial relations, and that she is willing to do everything within the possibilities of her special economic situation to further co-operation between the two countries.—Trans-Ocean.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has decreased in intensity and appears to be moving eastward.

The typhoon is apparently stationary about 100 miles south of Manila. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally.

ITALIAN POLICY IN LIBYA

Rome, To-day.
Italy will grant equal rights to Arabs and foreigners in Libya, declared Marshal Balbo, Viceroy of Libya, yesterday.

Marshal Balbo added that land would be shared and concessions granted equally between Arabs and foreigners.—Reuter.

REPUBLICAN INCURSION INTO FRENCH TERRITORY

Paris, To-day.

A Franco-Spanish frontier incident, resulting from incursion of Spanish Government militiamen into French territory and the killing of a French citizen, is reported from Perpignan, in the eastern Pyrenees.

It appears that two Frenchmen and a Spaniard, a refugee, were walking on the French side of the frontier when they met a party of militiamen walking on the Spanish side of the frontier.

The militiamen recognised the Spanish refugee, called on him to join them and then crossed the frontier to seize the man when he refused.

During the ensuing struggle the Frenchman was killed.—Trans-Ocean.

STALIN TO BE SOVIET PRESIDENT

Moscow, To-day.

Usually well-informed circles state that Stalin will probably become Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet, to be elected on December 12.

In this case, Stalin would take the post now occupied by Kalinin. Under the terms of the new Constitution, the Chairman of the Executive Committee becomes at the same time ex-officio Commander-in-Chief of the Red Army.

It is believed that in this event, the Defence Commissar, Marshal Voroshilov, will become Deputy Commander-in-Chief. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET PRESIDENT

London, To-day.

The possibility that Stalin will soon assume the office of President of the Soviet, is mentioned by the "Daily Express."

Stalin, who, at the present time is officially only secretary general of the Communist Party, is likely to take over the post now occupied by Kalinin following the elections to the Supreme Council, in which event Kalinin would resign and would be appointed to another important position.—Trans-Ocean.

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The Anti-Communist Pact, now signed by Germany, Italy, and Japan, gives new solidarity to the already implicit league between these Powers. At the same time it seems that it must thrust the non-Fascist Powers into more close alliance.

Signor Gayda, who speaks for Italy with almost-official authority, has boasted that the pact links 200,000,000 people. Inevitably the reader contrasts with this figure the 270,000,000 people of Great Britain and the dominions, France, and Russia.

"It is useless to deny that the pact marks the crossroads of post-war diplomacy," said Professor S. H. Roberts, of the chair of history in the University of Sydney, when discussing the implications of the new development.

"The pact," Professor Roberts added, "clearly means that Italy has given up hopes of winning over Britain to an anti-Bolshevist front. Obviously, Italy and Germany can not give up their ideological struggle, because if they do, their internal regimes cannot survive. This puts the onus of a decision on Britain; and, if Britain is forced, by the logic of circumstances to follow the Franco-Russian camp, then Europe faces the position of 1914 all over again, except that now we have the support of Czechoslovakia in Central Europe. It is the grim inexorability of this evolution that is so disturbing, because we are being forced along, willy nilly."

CURB TO GERMANY

"The time has come to face facts. The peace of Europe has been kept for years by the understanding be-

MILITARY POWER OF THE SOVIET

tween France, the little Entente (Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Yugoslavia), and Russia. The surest security against German aggression in 1914. Just as France acted as the broker then, so Germany has acted

in the way, and the promise of Russia to Italy and Japan.

Send planes to the aid of Czechoslovakia and Japan are all Fascists at heart;

they all believe in aggressive mea-

sures; they all sanction warlike mea-

asures; they all support and rely on the goodwill of policy; they all believe in the big-

the United States, we must see stick method of diplomacy. More

where Franco-Russian policy in over,

they are all leaders of the

Europe leads us. We may say that 'have-nots,' and they are all fight-

we will not participate in ideo-

called the time, and we must either have all the materials for a pugilis-

support the combination that opposes

tic combination against the rest of

the ideology of dictatorship or lose the world. It is useless to belittle

the support of that combination and the pact by saying that it has no

military clauses. Experience proves

that these can quickly follow. The

main point is that the main Powers

which believe in the use of force as

against what we call 'peaceful

have come together. The

seriously than the German-Japanese extent of their joint action will de-

part of some months ago. All I pend on circumstances.

we would urge is that, in considering

Russia, we should look on her, not dividing Europe into two armed

according to our political beliefs, but camps. We are already there," Pro-

fessor Roberts concluded.

THREE OTHER COURSES

"The other courses are isolation, (that is, the prodictatorial) camp, or dependence on the United States. From these I turn back to the thought of Russia's bombers and Russia's treaty friends in Europe and I subordinate my anti-Communism in matters of internal govern-

ment to my desire for safety in for-

ing affairs.

"Historically, the present align-

ment compares with the alignment

of Britain, France and Russia in

divisions, and they are manoeuvred

in the manner that was employed

in the Napoleonic wars. The peace-

time strength of the army is 1,300,-

000, compared with Germany's

550,000.

most powerful tank force of all the world's armies, it nevertheless shows symptoms of relying on mass rather than on relatively small, expert, highly mobile, formations. It still, he points out, maintains 16 cavalry divisions, and they are manoeuvred in the manner that was employed in the Napoleonic wars. The peace-time strength of the army is 1,300,000, compared with Germany's 550,000.

WIDELY-SEPARATED FRONTIERS

"Against the huge numbers of Russia's army must be set the vast distance between her western and eastern frontiers, and the primitive nature of the transport that connects them. It has been necessary to build up two practically independent armies, one in the east and one in the west; even to develop munition factories and agriculture in eastern Siberia.

Captain Liddell Hart considers the new Red Army to be of better quality than the old Russian Imperial army, both in equipment and morale.

"The officers," he says, "are professionally enthusiastic and much better educated than their predecessors—no army takes a keener interest in foreign ideas and all news of military progress. On manœuvres there is much evidence of skilled organisation and staffwork.

The elimination of the corruption which was rampant on the administrative side of the Czarist army alone goes far to reduce the risks of defeat through shortage of equipment and supplies."

WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL TANK FORCES

Much of Communist Russia's ar-

dour has been spent on the crea-

tion of the Red Army, and on this

army attention will now be concen-

trated as seldom before. There is Captain Liddell Hart points out,

no convincing evidence that the re-

cent purges in the Red Army great-

ly damaged its efficiency, or meant a noteworthy part of the Russian

more than that certain of the higher equipment is the parachute force.

commanders had aroused the vir-

tuous indignation or the jealousy of 1200 men with 18 light field guns

Russia's rulers. Many would assert, and 150 machine-guns behind an im-

a handful of senior generals in a œuvres.

peace-time army would improve its

The Soviet air force is said to

calibre by bringing younger and contain 3500 to 4000 machines, in-

more alert men to the fore.

The criticism of the Red Army bombers. If it is even approximate-

offered by Captain B. H. Liddell

ly equal in quality to the air forces

Hart, in his recent "Europe in of other European Powers, it is the

Arms," is that, though it has the strongest air force in the world.

THE WORLD GOES BY
By "ULYSSES"

NEVER slip on a banana skin in front of an oncoming motor-car. You may cause the car to skid. It is far better to pick up the skin, carry it to the pavement, and skip on it there. Motorists will appreciate your forethought.

Never throw a lighted cigarette-end out of the window. The scavenger who stoops to pick it up may burn his fingers. It is far better to drop the unwanted remnant of your smoke on to the drawing-room carpet. The women-folk will appreciate this, as nothing is more deadly to the moth than smouldering tobacco.

Never leave your discarded razor-blade where the baby can get hold of it. He may scratch the furniture with it.

Never cross the street on the green light. There will be a lot of other people crossing at the same time, and you may be injured in the crush. Cross on the red light, when you can go alone.

Never lean out of the motorcar window when looking at passing bits of fluff. You may fall through

it. It is much safer to open the door.

Never use string to hold your trousers up. The string may break. It is better to make sure by nailing them on, or, better still, using half a dozen or so good wood screws.

Never use petrol to light a fire. The smell is apt to hang about the curtains and annoy your mother-in-law. Use a few sticks of dynamite instead.

Never use steam-rollers to crack nuts at Christmas. You may damage your fingers. Borrow an armoured car from the Volunteers.

Never go to bed with your boots on. You may soil the sheets. Your wife will much prefer you to change into slippers first.

Never, never, eat food. This is most important. Someone may be trying to poison you.

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A health expert says there are three different ways of taking the morning bath. Hot, cold and for granted, one presumes.



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ATTLEE'S TOUR CRITICISED

Negation Of British Policy Of Non-Intervention

OBJECT ALLEGED TO BE ENCOURAGEMENT TO GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.

The tour of Republican Spain now being made by the leader of the parliamentary labour opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, is in direct contradiction to the policy of non-intervention so carefully fostered by Britain, writes the "Daily Telegraph" in a critical leading article.

OBJECT OF THE JOURNEY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MR. ATTLEE AND HIS FELLOW-MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, IS NOT SO MUCH TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT SPAIN AS TO ENCOURAGE THE REPUBLICANS, DECLARES THE JOURNAL, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH AN ACT CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF THE NON-INTERVENTION AGREEMENT.

Mr. Attlee, who has always renounced non-intervention in the House, is merely emphasising his personal stand through the present action.

The journal brings up the question as to whether the visit will be advantageous to the Republican Government, stressing the danger of the gesture being wrongly interpreted in Spain, and of its giving rise to false expectations which, when they are later disappointed, will render the situation even more serious than at present.

SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR

Emphasising the fact that not only the great majority of English people but also the French Popular Front, favours a policy of non-intervention as hitherto pursued, the journal states that if Mr. Attlee and

his fellow travellers are really interested in serving the Spanish cause, their best policy would be to make the foregoing fact clear to their hosts.—Trans-Ocean.

DECLARATION SIGNED

London, To-day.

Each member of the British labour delegation now visiting Spain, had signed before their departure a document to the effect that during their stay in Spain they would not act in any way capable of being interpreted as violation of the non-intervention policy of the British Government.

So announced the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

VISITS TO FRONT LINE

Barcelona, To-day.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the British parliamentary labour leader, accompanied by the Labour M.P.s, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, visited the Madrid front lines yesterday morning.

At a meeting of welcome in Madrid Town Hall later in the day, Mr. Attlee conveyed greetings of the British Labour Party and expressed the hope that Republican Spain would soon be victorious.—Trans-Ocean.

Chan Chung-fai, residing at No. 88, Connaught Road West, fractured his right arm and leg, and received injuries to his skull when he fell down the stairs.

DOMINIONS AND BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY

London, To-day.

In answer to a question by the Labour member for Nuneaton, Lt.-Col. R. T. H. Fletcher, in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister said that the Dominions governments had been fully informed about the conversations of Lord Halifax in Germany, and the Anglo-French conversations in London on the colonial question.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the Dominion governments would be kept fully posted by the British Government as to all future developments.—Trans-Ocean.

LAND PLANE SPEED RECORD

Rome, To-day.

A new world speed record for land planes over 100 kilometres was established yesterday by the Italian air force pilot, Furio Nicot, who registered an average speed of 554.350 kilometres an hour.

Previous best in this class, also established by an Italian, on April 1 this year, was 517.836 k.p.h.—Trans-Ocean.

AMNESTY IN N. ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini yesterday ordered release of all political prisoners who are domiciled in the northeast frontier regions.

The amnesty was announced in conjunction with the official visit to Rome of the Yugo-Slav Premier.—Trans-Ocean.

EUROPE'S BIGGEST SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Cologne, To-day.

Europe's biggest suspension bridge will be commenced here in January. The central span will be 378 metres long.—Trans-Ocean.

CYGNUS

MAILS LIKELY TO BE SAVED

London, To-day. The Postmaster-General announces that the great bulk of mails from Malaya, India, Hong Kong, Egypt and other places on the flyingboat Cygnus, which crashed at Brindisi, is likely to be recovered.—Reuter.

IMPATIENT DINER AT INDIAN RESTAURANT

Gaffan Singh, an unemployed Indian, was this morning fined \$10 or one month's imprisonment by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for assaulting Abdulla Khan, a restaurant keeper, at No. 7, Landale Street.

Sergeant Riddell said that defendant went to the complainant's shop and ordered food. He resented the long time taken to prepare it and in course of an argument threw a tumbler at complainant and hit him on the head.

Sergeant Riddell said that in case of assault no finger prints were taken but defendant was well known to the Police. He was born in Hong Kong and had been in trouble several times before. He asked that a serious view be taken.

Y.M.C.A. LOSS

Messrs. F. Norris and F. Goodall, residing at room No. 20, in the Y.M.C.A., have reported the loss from their room of a note book containing \$150 in money and private papers, the property of Mr. Norris, and a wallet containing \$27, the property of Mr. Goodall.

"DOSSIER 25" AND AGE-OLD TRAGEDY

Vienna, To-day. The question of what has become of various documents purporting to shed light on the mysterious death of the Austro-Hungarian Crown Prince Rudolph I. Mayerling in January, 1889, is discussed by the official organ, the "Wiener Zeitung."

The paper stresses the disappearance of "Dossier 25," which contained details of the Crown Prince's plans for autonomy of the Hungarian army.

Drawing up of the plans, says the paper, greatly irritated the Emperor Franz Joseph, who regarded them as nothing short of treasonable and the paper suggests that the affair contributed in no small measure to the double suicide of Prince Rudolph and Baroness Maria Vetsera.—Trans-Ocean.

27 DYSENTERY DEATHS

There were 80 deaths from tuberculosis in Hong Kong in the week ended Saturday. Other deaths were: dysentery, 27; diphtheria, 4; typhoid fever, 4; smallpox, 2 and cerebro-spinal fever, 1.

In the last 24 hours, three cases of dysentery, three of diphtheria, one of smallpox and one of cerebro-spinal fever, were reported to the local Health Authorities.

S. J. AMBULANCE

An Air Raids Precaution Course will be given at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, commencing on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. The lectures will be for the Chinese Community and will be given by qualified A.R.P. instructors. A Dance in aid of Brigade Funds (to purchase equipment) will be held at Headquarters on Dec. 17, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

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NANKING PREPARING QUIETLY FOR CRISIS

Foreigners Retire To Hulks Three Miles Upriver

RING OF HILLS AS LAST LINE OF DEFENCE

JAPANESE CLAIMS DISCOUNTED

Hankow, To-day. -

The Japanese troops have reached the Yangtse at a point opposite Nanking, near Wu Ling Kuan, when minor troops advanced westwards. Thus the encirclement of Nanking is complete.

At least 300,000 Chinese Central Government troops are occupying a semi-circular front around the capital. Whether the 200,000 additional provincial troops also assembled in the area, will be able to stand against Japanese advances, cannot be said.

The Japanese are said to be planning to attack the capital from four sides, and to build a ring around it in order to prevent the soldiers from retreating. The necessary concentration of troops for this manoeuvre will require several days, and thus the fall of Nanking is retarded.

Some circles believe that before the Japanese troops can enter Nanking, the capital will burn like Moscow at the time of Napoleon.

A telephone message from a foreign resident in Nanking this morning says that the capital is quietly looking forward to the coming days of crisis.

Troops are patrolling the streets, all Government offices have been occupied and machine guns installed, and a State of War has been proclaimed. Government circles are determined to defend Nanking to the end, and the chain of hills around the capital, from Lungan-Chisia Shan-Purple Mountain-Tangshan is taken as the last defence line.

FOREIGNERS ON HULKS
Because of the sound of cannons, the fifty odd foreigners still in Nanking are living on gun-boats and hulks, which have been equipped with food for weeks. The hulks are moved 3 miles up-river, but the ultimate fate is uncertain, as the recent bombing of two British steamers at Wuhu seems to indicate that even gunboats might be bombed by the Japanese.

Some missionaries that are still working in the town have had a motor-launch placed at their disposal to bring them on board the hulk at the last minute. — Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE DENIAL
Shanghai, To-day. Reliable Chinese quarters deny that the Japanese have successfully cleared the boom on the River Yangtse at Kiangyin. — Our Own Correspondent.

ADVANCE ON NANKING
Tokyo, To-day.

The villages of Kaokraomen and Shengjiangchen, both less than six miles from Nanking, were occupied by Japanese troops early yesterday afternoon, according to official Japanese quarters.

Other reports, as yet unconfirmed, state that Japanese warships, after destroying the Kiangyin boom and clearing minefields, are slowly advancing up the Yangtse River. — Trans-Ocean.

CLAIMS DISCOUNTED

Shanghai, To-day.

Foreign military quarters are inclined to discount the Japanese claims to have advanced within three miles of Nanking, and reports from foreign sources in Nanking do not confirm the imminence of close quarter Japanese onslaughts.

The battle for the Capital is said to be fiercely raging in the vicinity of the Tachengshan Hills, east of Nanking.

Chinese crack troops engaged in the battle in this area, are stated to have been successful in halting the Japanese advance.

CHINESE AIR RAIDS

Chinese planes raided the Japanese positions last night and early this morning but the results are not yet ascertainable.

Japanese claim that Chinkiang was capture last night, but this is denied by the Chinese, who admit that furious onslaughts are being made by the invading forces, three miles east of Chinkiang. — Our Own Correspondent.

CHINKIANG DEFENCE

Shanghai, To-day. Despite the rapid Japanese advance on Nanking, the Chinese Supreme Command has reaffirmed its determination to defend the capital.

Meanwhile, Chinese forces stationed at Tanyang have been withdrawn to Chinkiang, which is expected to be severely attacked soon.

Practically all Chinkiang's 30,000 inhabitants have already evacuated. — Reuter.

CONVERGING ON CITY

Shanghai, To-day. The war which started in Shanghai on Aug. 13 entered its 11th day to-day, with Japanese forces virtually at the

BRITAIN TO DEFEND INTERESTS

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively emphasised that the British Government is fully determined to uphold British rights and interests in the Far East, though obviously any action must await the result of investigation of the circumstances.

The Foreign Secretary, replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) in the House of Commons yesterday, said he understood that the Japanese authorities had informed the foreign cable companies in Shanghai that they meant to replace Chinese censors with nominees of their own.

NO SUBSTITUTES

Mr. Eden understood that no such substitutes were in fact being effected.

Meanwhile, steps were being taken to consult other governments concerned. — Reuter.

WAR MAY BE DECLARED AFTER NANKING

Tokyo, To-day.

Immediately after fall of Nanking, officials of the Imperial General Headquarters and key members of the Cabinet will meet in an emergency joint conference to draw up a new policy towards

China, says the "Yomiuri Shimbun."

The paper says the points to be discussed include:

Firstly, the declaration of war against China.

Secondly, the creation of a new administration in North China and other parts of the country.

The paper adds that imminent fall of Nanking "will mark the turning point in Japanese military operations in China." — Reuter.

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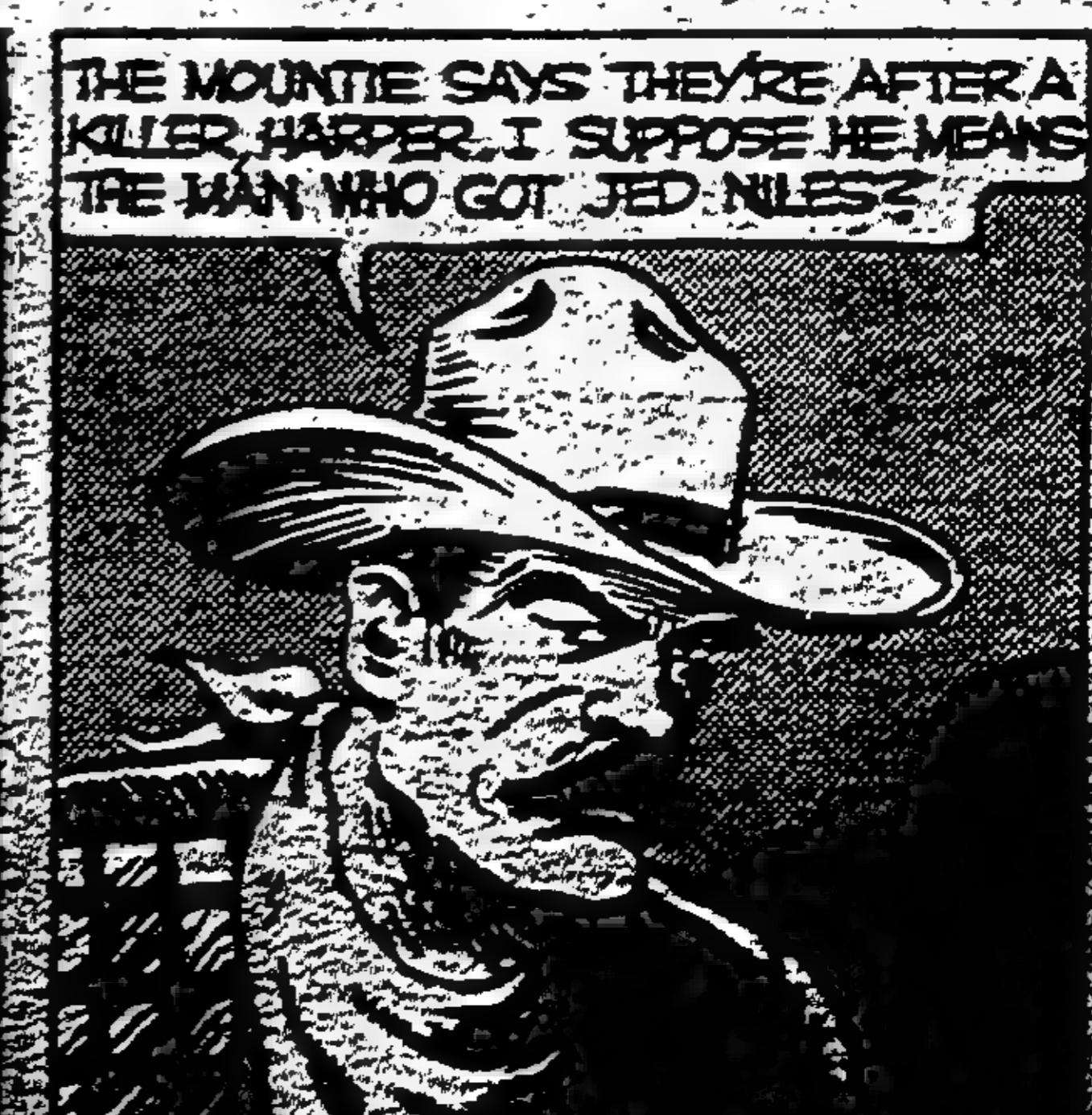
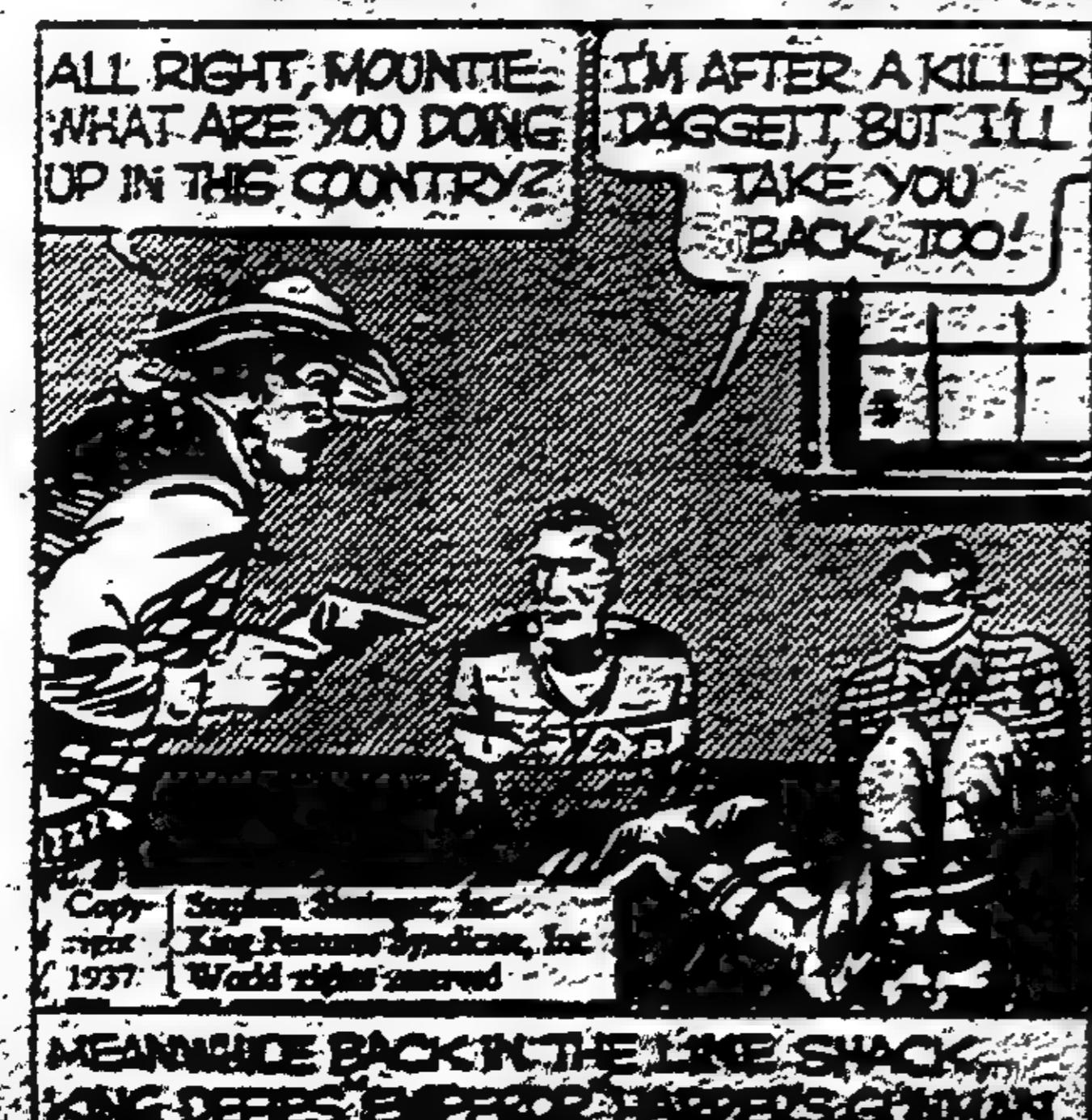
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India Speculators Rush To Sell

London, To-day.

ALARMED lest the 1933 Silver Agreement should not be renewed, and frightened at the possibility of China being forced to liquidate her huge London stock of silver, Indian speculators yesterday rushed to sell. Most selling orders, however, had a limit of 19d., and when the price fell below this, they consequently were withdrawn so that business at the fixed level was only moderate, selling at best orders being absorbed by bears covering.

After the official fixing the market was very quiet, sellers being reserved, and many are of the opinion that the fall was overdone.

They point out that the United States has too large a stake in silver to allow the world price to sink much lower.—Reuter.

FALL OF PENNY

The sharp fall of a penny in the spot price of silver to eighteen seven-sixteenths per ounce was recorded at the fixing, the fall being attributed to uncertainty regarding the future price of the metal following market reports regarding the possible termination of the sales agreement. The forward price was eighteen three-sixteenths. — British Wireless.

LAUNCH BOILER EXPLOSION DISASTER

Canton, To-day.

Seven Chinese are believed to have been blown to pieces on Sunday morning, when an explosion occurred on the steam launch "Kwanghing," while towing a junk-load of passengers from a small town several miles from Canton.

Of the fifteen persons on board the launch, only eight, severely injured, were rescued and brought to Canton for treatment.—Our Own Correspondent.

(Left) Machines of No. 13 Squadron, R.A.F. co-operated with the O.T.C. of Epsom College and St. John's School, Leatherhead, during field operations in the neighbourhood of Mickleham and Headley. Photo shows O.T.C. runners rushing forward to mark a position during the field operations at Headley. (Fox Copyright).

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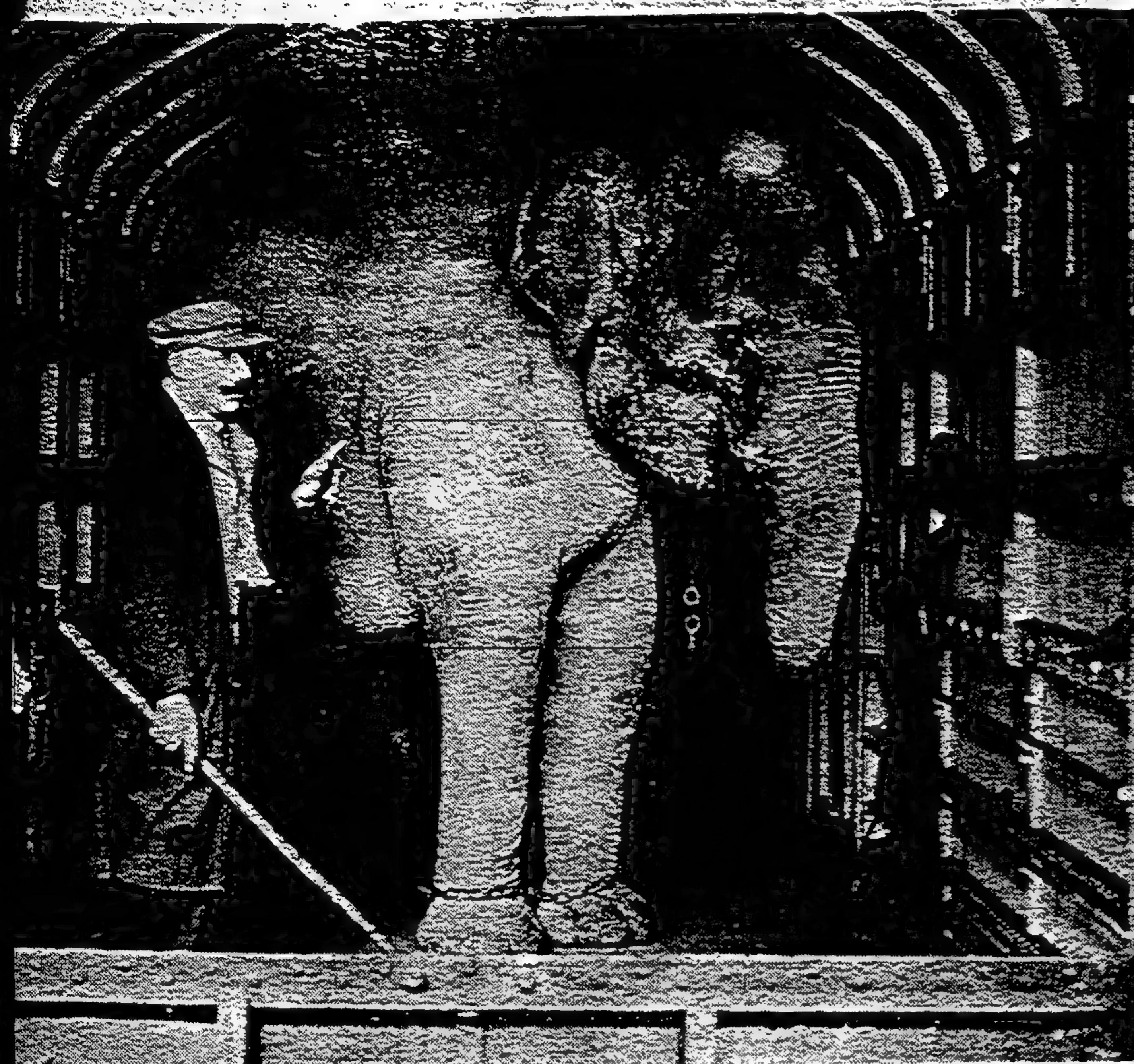
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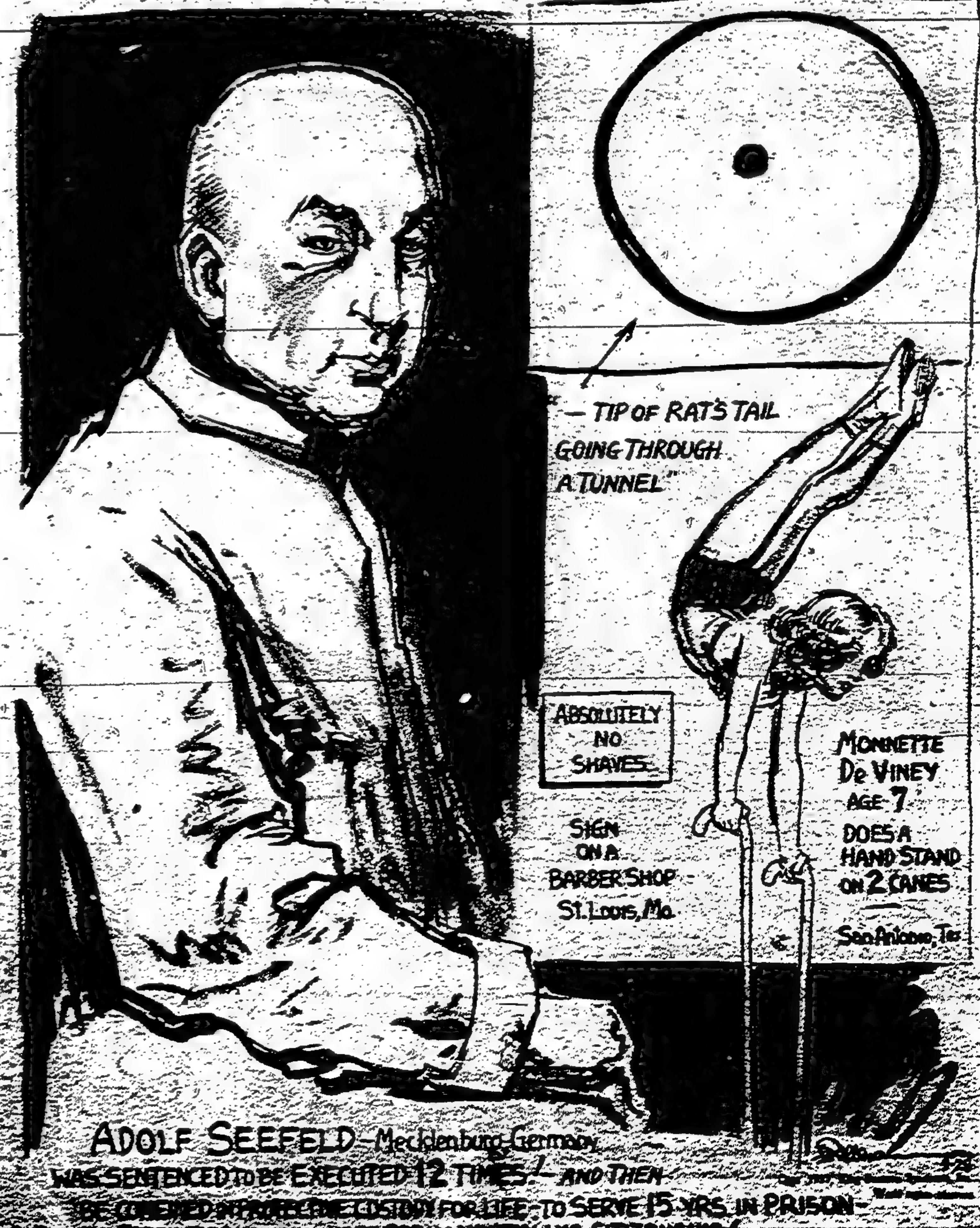
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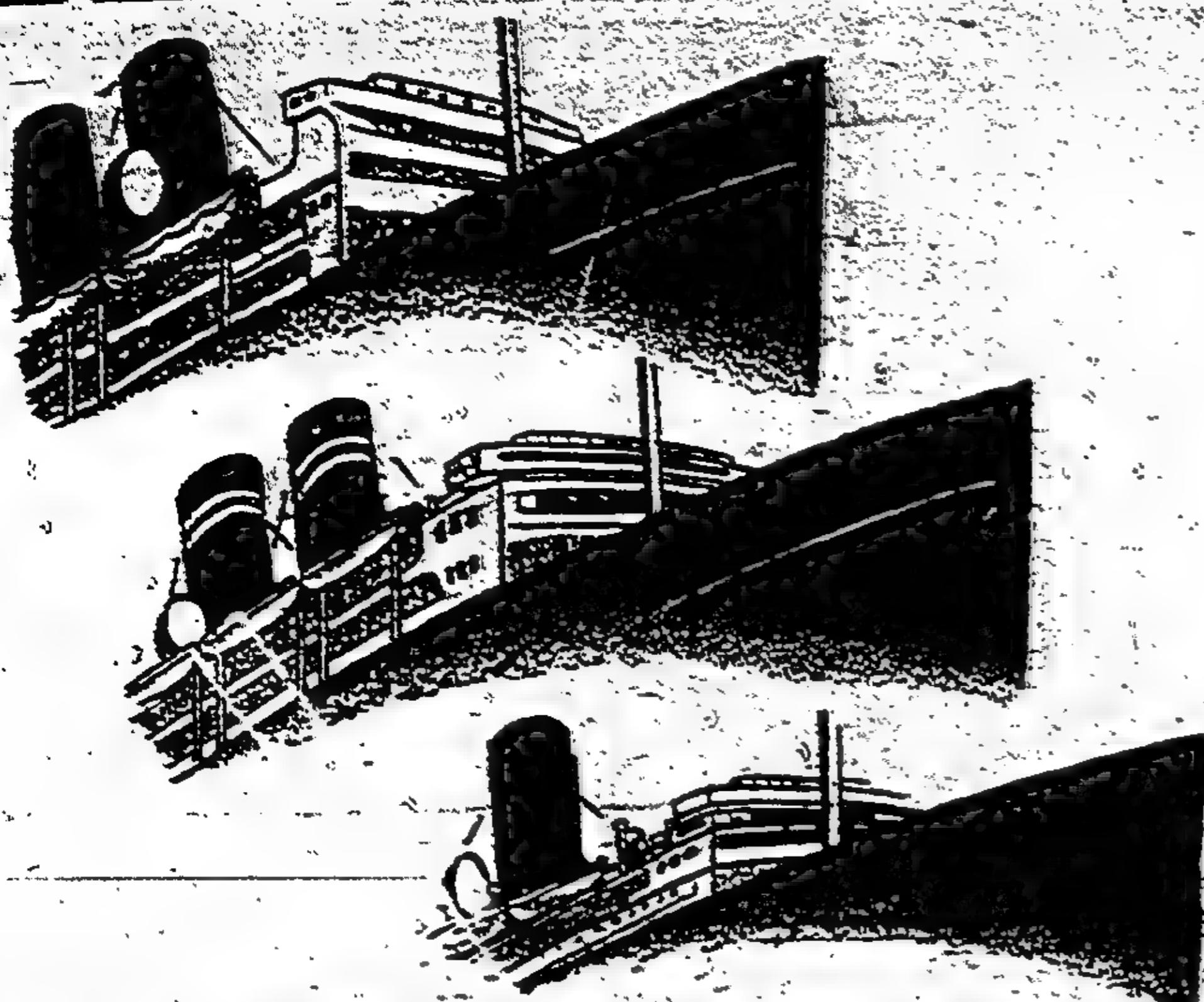
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| RAWALPINDI | 17,000 | 8th Jan. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
| KIDDERPORE | 5,000 | 15th Jan. | Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf. |
| CORFU | 14,500 | 22nd Jan. | Bombay, Marseilles and London. |
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| NELLORE | 7,000 | 29th Jan. | |
| TANDA | 7,000 | 5th Mar. | |

SAILINGS TO JAPAN

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| TALMA | 10,000 | 9th Dec. | Amoy and Japan. |
| RAWALPINDI | 17,000 | 10th Dec. | Japan. |
| SIRDHANA | 8,000 | 23rd Dec. | Amoy and Japan. |
| CORFU | 14,500 | 24th Dec. | Japan. |
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| Japan | Rajputana | December 8. |
| Manila | Emp. of Asia | December 8. |
| Bangkok and Swatow | Kweiyang | December 9. |
| Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) - London, 11th November and London Parcels - London date 4th November | Rawalpindi | December 9. |
| Manila | Scharnhorst | December 9. |
| Java and Manila | Tjinegara | December 9. |
| Saigon | Namming | December 9. |
| Australia and Manila | Changte | December 10. |
| U.S.A., Canada, and Japan (Seattle, 20th November) | Pres. McKinley | December 10. |
| Saigon | Athos II | December 10. |
| Japan | Bokuyo Maru | December 11. |
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| Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane | Tuesday | Tues., Dec. 7. |
| Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit). | G.P.O. and K.P.O. | Dec. 7, 9.00 a.m. |
| Kongmoon | Reg. Ord. | Dec. 7, 9.30 a.m. |
| Manila | On Lee | Dec. 7, 10 a.m. |
| Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service" - due Buenos Aires Maru | Press. Polk | Dec. 7, 5 p.m. |
| Amsterdam, 16th Dec. | G.P.O. and K.P.O. | Tues., Dec. 7. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa | Reg. Ord. | Dec. 7, 1.30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | | Dec. 7, 2.00 p.m. |
| Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | Singjiang | Dec. 8, 11 a.m. |
| Swatow and Shanghai | Yunman | Wed., Dec. 8, 10.30 a.m. |
| Japan | Kumsang | Wed., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. |
| Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Pan-American Airways Plane, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Services" - due San Francisco, 14th December. | G.P.O. | Wed., Dec. 8. |
| Hoihow | Reg. Ord. | Dec. 8, 5 p.m. |
| Formosa | G.P.O. | Dec. 8, 5 p.m. |
| Straits and Calcutta | Reg. Ord. | Thurs., Dec. 9, 6 a.m. |
| Tuesday | | Thurs., Dec. 9, 9 a.m. |
| Minnam | Minnam | Dec. 8, 10.30 a.m. |
| Hongkong Maru | Thurs., Dec. 9. | Thurs., Dec. 9. |
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| RAKUYO MARU | Wednesday, 12th Jan. (1938) |
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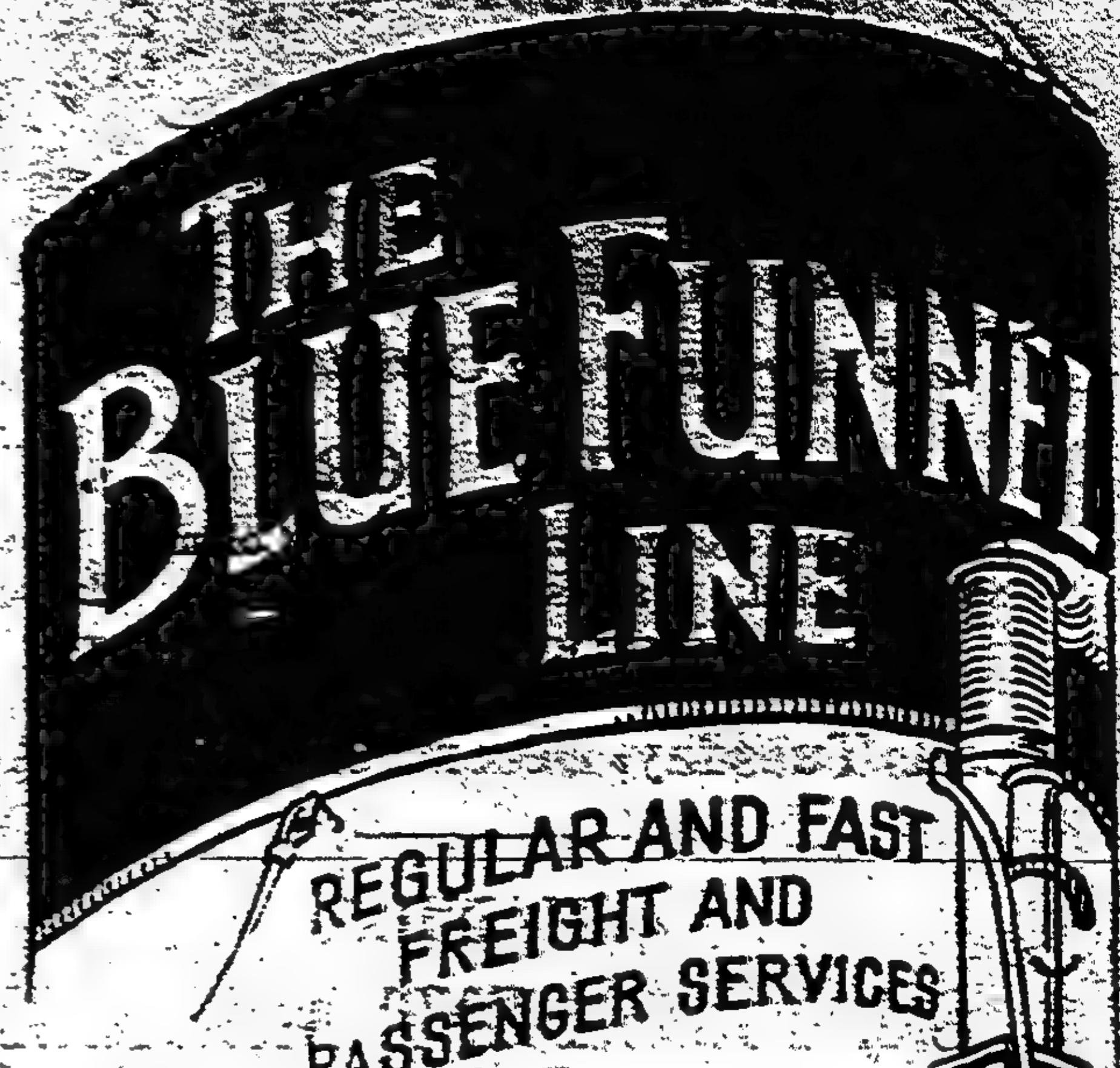
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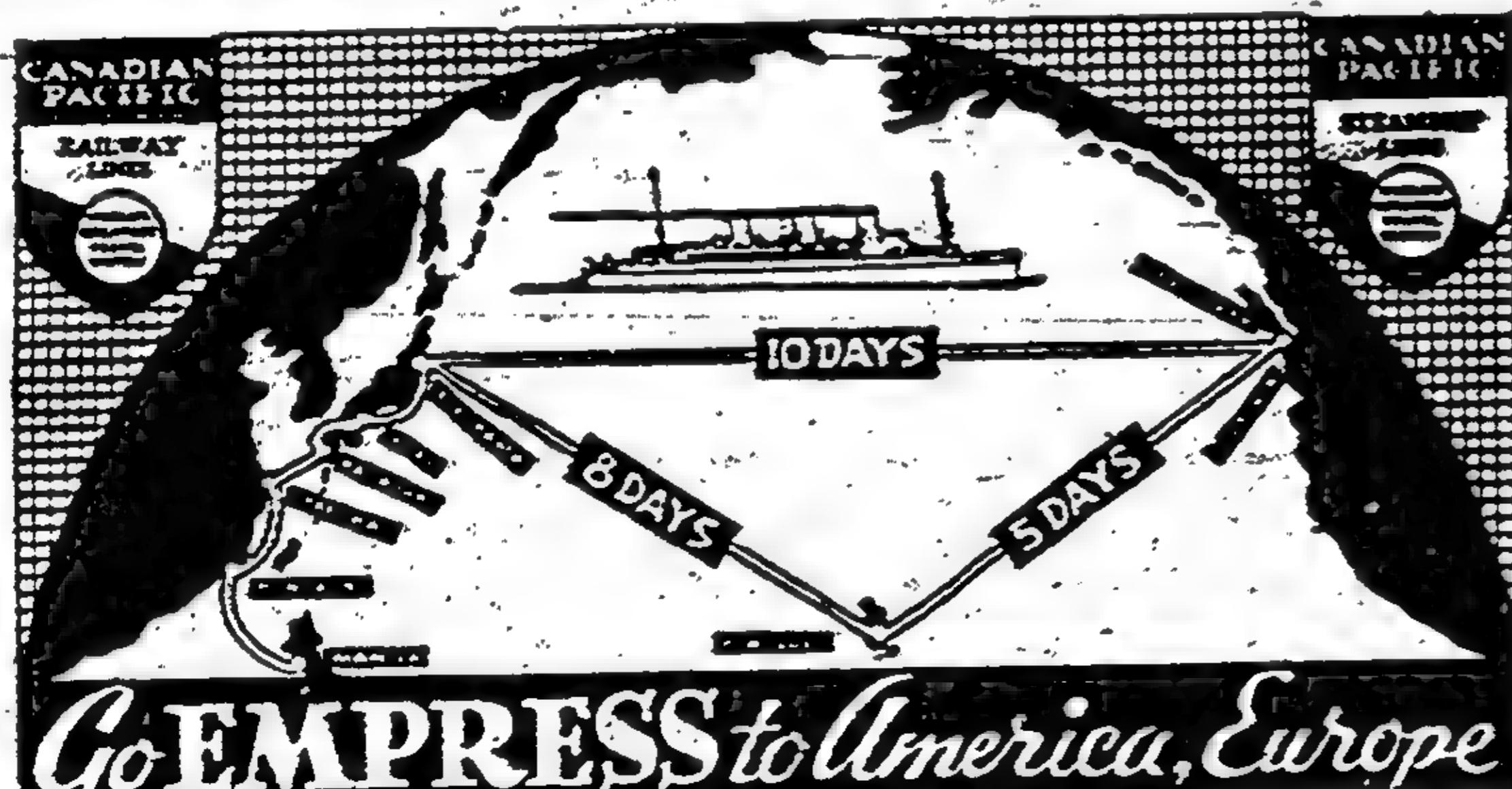
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Munich, To-day. General Ludendorff's condition remains practically unchanged, says the latest medical bulletin.

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Doctors in attendance on the veteran army chief are more hopeful but state that his condition is still serious.—Trans-Ocean.

TENNYSON'S HOME TO LET

Isle of Wight Mansion

Lord Tennyson proposes to let furnished Farringford, a Freshwater, Isle of Wight, while he is in India as captain of the England cricket team. The house will be available for 13 months.

It was at Farringford that Alfred Lord Tennyson, the Poet Laureate, grandfather of the present owner, lived for the last 40 years of his life, and did much of his best work.

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"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-7/16 and "forward" at 18-3/16.

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July/Sept. 26 b. down ½.

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EGYPT PROTESTS

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Government has instructed its Minister in Rome to protest to Italy against election of the new Metropolitan of the Coptic Church, as it was expected that an Egyptian would be elected to the post.—Trans-Ocean.

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ICONFISCATION OF BRITISH PROPERTY

London, To-day.

The War Secretary made the expected statement in the Commons on the Army Council changes in answer to Mr. Greenwood.

He said the changes would all have taken effect by the New Year and went on: "If any further appointments are made the House

may depend upon it that merit, character and ability, as well as suitability for any particular office, will be the guiding consideration regardless of youth, age or mere seniority.

"All appointments will be made on the assumption that the holders will be able to hold their posts under conditions of active service."

Mr. Hore Belisha repeated the announcement he made on Saturday that it was the intention to associate with the formation and direction of policy, those outside the War Office holding higher commands, thus giving to those who would be called to lead the troops in the field the maximum of responsibility and to the General Staff a maximum of freedom from detailed administration.

SENIOR OFFICERS' RETIREMENT

The Minister concluded "His Majesty's Government would like to place on record their high appreciation of the long and distinguished service rendered over many years to the State by those senior officers who have vacated their posts and not least to the public spirit in vacating them to facilitate these changes."

Replying to a supplementary question by a Conservative member, who suggested that the officers mentioned had, in effect, been dismissed at short notice, Mr. Hore Belisha referred him to the terms of the published statement which he said had been authorised by those officers.—British Wireless.

KING'S MESSAGE TO ARGENTINE PRESIDENT

London, To-day.

On the occasion of the unveiling in Buenos Aires on Saturday of the memorial statue of the early nineteenth century British statesman, Canning, by the President of the Argentine Republic, the King sent a message to President Justo expressing "my warm appreciation of this happy manifestation of the personal interest which you take, in common with myself, in the maintenance and steady cultivation of the valued and historic friendship between Britain and the Argentine which George Canning may justly be said to have inaugurated."—British Wireless.

FRANCO'S AGENT

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary confirmed when questioned in the Commons that the Duke of Alba and Berwick will be appointed by General Franco to be his Agent in the United Kingdom under the recent agreement.—British Wireless.

ICONFISCATION OF BRITISH PROPERTY

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the confiscation of the assets of British companies in territory controlled by the Government of Spain, the Foreign Secretary replied that there had been a very large number of cases of interference with such assets.

Over and above the representations which had been made by His Majesty's Government to the responsible Spanish authorities in specific cases, protests in general terms against the Catalan collective decree were made by His Majesty's Consul-General at Barcelona to the Catalan Generality in November, 1936, and again in May and in September, 1937, while His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Madrid entered a formal protest with the Spanish Government in January last stating at the same time His Majesty's Government reserved all their rights in the matter.

Mr. Eden said that the representations which His Majesty's diplomatic and consular officers in Spain had made on his instructions to the Spanish Government authorities had not, so far, resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the matters at issue.—British Wireless.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISE IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour estimates that at Nov. 15, the insured persons in employment, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, totalled approximately 11,573,000—86,099 less than the month before but on a comparable basis 353,000 more than the year before.

At the same date, the registered unemployed numbered 1,499,203, comprising 1,227,000 wholly unemployed, 216,806 temporarily laid off and 54,797 normally in casual employment. The total was 108,954 more than the month before but on a comparable basis 698,600 less than the year before.—British Wireless.

CONSTABLE OF TOWER

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Field Marshal Sir Claud Jacob as Constable of the Tower of London from February next in succession to Field Marshal Lord Milne.

Sir Claud Jacob is stated to be the first Constable of the Tower who has had the long and continuous service with the Indian military forces which his career exemplifies.—British Wireless.

BRITISH AIR EXPORTS

London, To-day.

During the period from January, 1936 to the end of October, 1937, the total value of aeroplanes, engines and other parts of United Kingdom manufacture exported from Britain was £5,951,000 according to a Commons answer.—British Wireless.

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Y. KANO, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1937.

FEDERATION IN INDIA

London, To-day.

The aim of His Majesty's Government is and has always been to

carry into effect the clear intention of Parliament that Federation

should follow Provincial Autonomy as an integral part of the single

constitutional scheme with the

least possible delay, the Under Sec

retary for India told the Commons

when questioned on the progress

made in bringing into force the Fe

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CIVILIANS HAVE WEALTH OF TALENT

STRIKING SHOTS BY "STICKS"

The Combined Small Units hockey team made an impressive debut last Thursday against (unfortunately), a weak Y.M.C.A. team whom they defeated by 7 goals to 1, the most impressive players being Capt. Harvey, of the Medical Corps, and L/Cpl. Brice, of the Ordnance Corps.

The team which will ultimately represent the Combined Small Units should be a fairly strong one, although I cannot see them beating either the Rajputana Rifles or the Kumaon Rifles.

Dove is the best custodian available while Morgan and Ransome are two fairly reliable backs, although the latter is not quite fast enough to cope with the fast Indian attacks the team is likely to come up against in the Inter-Unit Tournament.

Capt. Reeder, better known for his soccer qualities, made an excellent right-half, his spoiling being very good while his distribution via the ground pass was beyond reproach. He was very fast in attack as well as in defence in covering either his full-back or pivot.

Bag Singh, the pivot, put in plenty of hard-work with a minimum of delay and should retain his position while Austen, on the left-flank rendered valuable support. The Combined Small Units have a very thrusiful attack and although the opposition was not at its best last Thursday, they would have beaten the "Y" first team had they turned out in full.

In Captain Harvey, they have a fine thrusiful leader with a powerful shot either way, while Brice, at inside-left was excellent and gave his leader every support. France, on the right-wing, was inclined to place himself in an offside position, while Locke, on the left-wing, although inauspicious, crossed the ball in a sound manner, always sending the ball slightly ahead of his inside forwards.

R. A. MARQUES MUST BE GIVEN CHANCE AMONG THE HALVES BUT BROWN'S CLAIMS MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED

MY SELECTION OF FORWARDS

(By "STICKS")

THE Civilian Selection Committee wasted no time in fielding their best teams in a trial match last Sunday morning and the results must have been very gratifying although the absence of Hassan, from one of the two intermediate lines, was regretted.

THE 15 PLAYERS ULTIMATELY INVITED REPRESENT THE CREAM OF TALENT WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS, AND ON SUNDAY'S DISPLAY A POWERFUL ELEVEN SHOULD BE FIELDED AGAINST THE COMBINED SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY MORNING ON THE CLUB GROUND.

Ramzan is worthy to fill the position between the sticks, while Guest and Gosano, which played together last season as the Interport backs, are again paired. While on the full-back line I would recommend Guest to clear a little sooner and to eliminate that annoying habit of playing round with the ball, obviously with the intention of drawing one of the opposing forwards.

The half-back line is going to be the real problem and I would suggest that the Selection Committee hesitate before they make their final selection. On Sunday morning's form R. A. Marques deserves the right-half berth, but because of his youth the berth will probably fall to Gonsalves, who, in my opinion, was not in the same class.

GIVE HIM A CHANCE
I suggest that Marques be given the berth with a view to determining whether he is worthy of being groomed for the Interport. In my mind I can see no better successor to Gonsalves at right-half. After (Continued on Page 19)

I understand that the team will be strengthened by one or two newcomers and it will be interesting to see how the team will fare at its best stage against a leading Civilian team like Club de Recreio or the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club.

STRIKING SHOTS BY "STICKS"

One of the most gratifying features of hockey this season is the fact that the Central British Schoolboys, under the coaching of Mr. David McLellan, formerly one of the best centre-halves in the Colony, and a Master, have taken to the game like ducks to water and in their two recent matches have made great progress.

There are a few outstanding players in the Central British School team at the moment, and at least two of them are ready to take

FOR FURTHER 'STRIKING SHOTS' SEE PAGE 21 OF THIS ISSUE

their place among the second elevens of the leading Civilian Clubs. I refer to Kempton, the inside-left, whose stick-work and control of the ball is a pleasure to watch, and Parsons, the left-half, whose spoiling and general distribution is excellent, while his positional play leaves little to be desired.

Millington and Stone, the two full-backs, have yet to learn to clear their line properly when seriously pressed, and gave away an unusually large number of short corners because of their inability to turn the ball into touch, with the reverse stick. Lockhart is promising at right-half, while McLellan's inclusion at centre-half adds the right stimulus to the team and from this position he is more or less able to supervise their instruction.

Scyle, on the right-wing is a trifle slow in centring and does not cut in when the opportunity presents itself. A little more speed on the ball and (Continued on Page 21)



The "stumper at hockey" or W. Pryde, who played in goal for the Central British School against the Royal Corps of Signals last Thursday, showing what a hockey custodian must not do! (Mail photo).



The Combined Small Units Hockey team, above, beat a Y.M.C.A. side by 7 goals to 1 in their first trial last Thursday on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park. Left to right are: Bhag Singh (I.H.C.), France (Signals), Ransome (R.A.O.C.), Austen (Signals), Wadler (R.A.O.C.), Brice (R.A.O.C.), Dove (Signals), Morgan (Signals), Capt. Reeder (R.A.S.C.), Capt. Harvey (R.A.M.C.) and Locke (R.A.O.C.) ("Mail" photo).

NO INTERPORT SOCCER THIS SEASON

FOUR FACTORS DECIDE AGAINST ANNUAL CLASSIC

JUNIOR SHIELD DRAW: ALSO REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

IN view of the poor gates so far experienced, the unsettled conditions at present prevailing in Shanghai, the fact that none of the Chinese players will be available and the uncertainty of the inclusion of any Service players, it was decided at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association last night not to send an Interport team to Shanghai for the annual Interport contest next spring.

Applications were received from the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Eastern Athletic Association for charity game in aid of the Shanghai Relief Fund.

It was decided that a game be played for this cause on Christmas Day between an Association side and the Federation, and that the Chinese game against Scotland in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition be played on Chinese New Year's Day.

It was also agreed that if Eastern wished they could arrange a match between female Chinese Movie stars, as requested in their letter, as a curtain raiser to the Charity game.

The following were appointed convenors for the selections of the different International teams:

Portugal—Mr. C. M. Alves.
England—Mr. J. Skinner.
China—Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.
Scotland—Mr. J. McElvie.

LAI WAH CUP DRAW

The draw for the Semi-Final Rounds of the Lai Wah Cup Competition was made at the meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association last night and resulted as follows:

Saturday, January 8, 1938
Army v Navy (Club, 3.15 p.m.)
Sunday, January 9, 1938
Chinese v Civilians (Causeway Bay ground, 3.15 p.m.)

SECOND ROUND OF JUNIOR SHIELD DRAWN

The following is the draw for the Second Round of the Junior Shield Competition to be played on Saturday, December 18.

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| Seaforts | v | Club |
| Engineers (E.) | v | Navy |
| Kowloon | v | Ordnance |
| South China | v | Eastern |
| Kweng-Wah | v | Engineers (C.) |
| R.C. of Signals | v | Middlesex |
| University | v | Police |
| Portuguese S.A. | v | Air Force |

SUNDAY HERALD INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Semi-Final Rounds of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition.

Monday, December 27
Portugal v England (Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)
Chinese New Year Day
Chinese v Scotland (Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)



Mrs. A. E. H. Castro (left) and Mrs. A. W. da Roza (right) were members of the Kowloon Tong team which scored a fine victory over University in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last night.

PROGRAMME FOR 13TH EXTRA RACE MEETING

Hong Kong Autumn Champions

The following is the programme for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held at the Valley on Saturday, December 18, 1937:

1—2.00 P.M.—Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of

this Club of this Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club, since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

2—2.30 P.M.—Laggards' Handicap.

Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

3—3.00 P.M.—Hong Kong Autumn Champions—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

4—3.30 P.M.—Final Handicap.

Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Daily Double Event—Fifth and Seventh Races.



started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Winners of \$1,500 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

6—4.30 P.M.—Queensland Autumn Champions—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

7—5.00 P.M.—Last Chance Handicap—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

8—5.30 P.M.—Final Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament on the Club Ground, at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow:

V. M. Bowell; R. L. Wallace and E. V. Reed; R. A. Baker, W. A. Reed, and J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, C. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. L. Bickford and V. Bond.

CLUB HOCKEY ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW

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THIRD NEGRO BOXING CHAMPION

GERMAN ATHLETIC VICTORY AT OXFORD

MERZ IMPRESSES IN THE HURDLES EVENT

(By BEVIL RUDD)

London, November 1. The Oxford University's Seniors' and Freshmen's sports were begun at the Ifley-road track on Saturday, when four finals were decided and a number of heats run off. A heavy downpour soon after the start marred most of the performances.

Interest centred on the German Freshman, Helge Merz, the all-rounder from Salem School, who, in the public schools sports last year won three events and broke two records. His health has been rather indifferent lately, and although he won the weight by over a yard with 37ft 9½ in, this put was well below his average.

His hurdling, however, was full of vigour. He won his heat in 16.1 sec., and he should have a great race with R. A. Powell the Senior, this afternoon. Seniors and Freshmen were merged in both the hurdles and the discus, for there were only five entries in the former and four in the latter.

The two Freshmen from Princeton University, U.S.A., J. N. Irwin and C. H. Kearney, rank as Seniors. They both qualified in their quarter-mile heats, Kearney with gusto, Irwin without. Irwin is of course, primarily a low hurdler, and a very brilliant one. He won this event against Oxford and Cambridge last July in 23.9 sec.—a new series record.

IMPROVED QUARTER-MILER

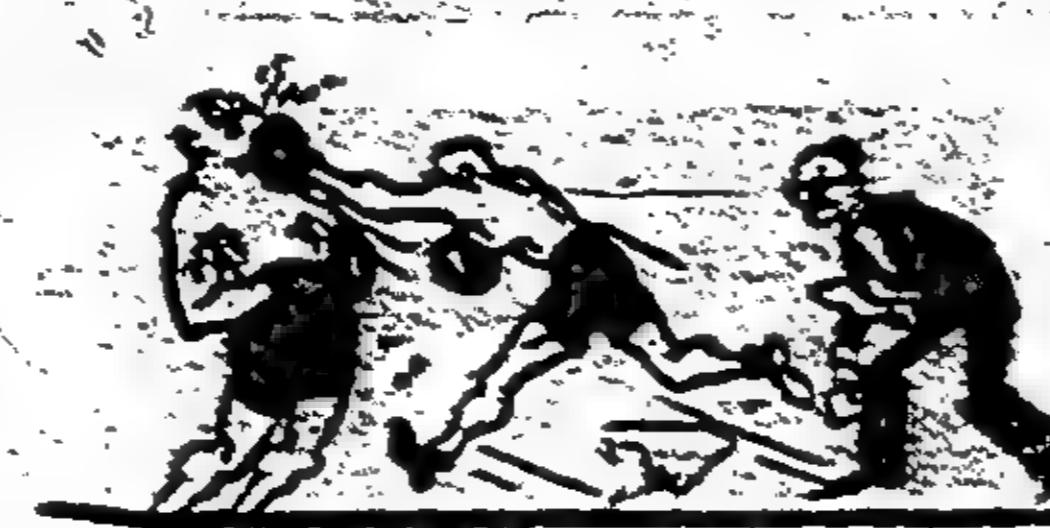
D. C. Young is a much improved quarter-miler. His build is slight, but he is neat and determined. He has a fair chance of beating the more stalwart Kearney in to-day's final. Americans usually take a little time to get "acclimated."

C. G. C. Rawlins (Charterhouse and Queen's) seemed the most promising of the Freshmen quarter-milers. He and W. H. Kelly (Hastings G. S. and Keble) each won their heats in 53.9 sec. C. M. Clementi (Winchester and Magdalen) has style and speed, but an injured leg troubled him, and after looking like a certain winner in Rawlins' heat, he lost his forms in the final straight.

Rawlins was also the most consistent of the six long jumpers, though this event was won by P. A. J. True-love (St. Paul's and Magdalen) with 19ft. 7in. Three inches divided the first four men and all are capable of clearing over 20ft in better conditions.

FANLING HUNT AMBULANCE CUP SWEEP

Holders of tickets are reminded that the race for the Ambulance Cup will be run at Fanling on Dec. 19th. Tickets which are not returned by the end of the current week will be advertised as "Cancelled". Tickets may be purchased for cash at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road.



ARMSTRONG 100 PER CENT. CHAMPION

DOUBT WHETHER HE HAS AN EQUAL

(By R. BENNISON)

Glasgow, November 6. Scottish readers in particular will perhaps be interested to have my opinion of Henry Armstrong, who, by knocking out Petey Sarron in New York, became feather-weight champion of the world. They will recollect that, but for a broken jaw, Johnny McGroarty, their sturdy little brawler, would have fought Sarron at Harringay.

I saw Armstrong fight during my stay in America. He is 100 per cent. as near to the perfect fighting machine as makes no matter, a clever, cunning, brilliant boxer and a tremendous puncher with either hand. I doubt whether there is his equal. He is a Sam Langford on a small scale.

I was in Mike Jacob's office, surely the most astonishing fight emporium ever, when Armstrong was promised a match with Sarron, and I decided that, if and when they got into the ring, the title was as good as in his pocket. Sarron is game and all that; but, because of his weakness for hitting with the open glove and punching round the corner, so to say, I wrote him down as one of the poorest specimens of a world-beater I had happened on for years.

WOULD HAVE WON

McGroarty at the top of his form and as he was when he deposed Neil Tarleton from office, would have beaten Sarron almost for a certainty. It was cruel luck that the Scot had to go into dock, and now, unless Armstrong finds the feather-weight limit beyond him, I am afraid McGroarty will not win a second world's title for his country. Armstrong has everything at his command—physical magnificence, splendid youth, uncommon rare mental balance, and a punch of which many an outsize may not boast.

He is a Californian negro, and like so many black pugilists of high degree, is something of a hot-tempered, burning, so it is said, with an ambition to set up as a preacher. Whatever his inclinations outside the ring, he is a terror when he goes to war—a "killer."

I have inquired whether there is a possibility of Armstrong coming here. The answer is "No." I have an idea that he will move up to the light-weight division so as to fight Lou Ambers for the title.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett entered the Second Round of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday at the U.S.R.C. when they beat T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. M. A. Rice-Evans 6-1, 6-3. They will now meet Paul Kong and Mrs. T. F. Lo.

"HOMICIDE" HENRY ARMSTRONG KNOCKS OUT PETEY SARRON WORLD FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE HIS NOW

New York, October 30.

HENRY ARMSTRONG, the Californian negro, known to his friends as "Homicide Henry," became the undisputed feather-weight champion of the world last night by knocking out Petey Sarron in the sixth round of a 15-rounds contest at Madison-square Garden.

Hitherto each had styled himself "world champion," Armstrong being recognised by the California Boxing Commission and Sarron by the National Boxing Association of America. Now Armstrong will meet the New York State Athletic Commission's candidate, Mike Belloise, who is recovering from pneumonia.

This was Armstrong's 22nd win on a knockout in 23 fights this year—hence his nickname—and he becomes the third negro to hold a world title, the others being Joe Louis (heavy-weight) and John Lewis (cruiser-weight).

Armstrong fought a classic fight, weakening his opponent with powerful right swings to the heart, before pummelling him to a stand-still with a relentless two-fisted attack to the head. He worked the crowd up to a tremendous pitch of excitement.

RIVALLING M'GOVERN'S DAYS Madison-square Garden was packed with 15,000 men and women who were standing on their seats cheering at the finish. Such scenes at a feather-weight contest had not occurred at the Garden since the days of Terry M'Govern, the Irish-American, at the beginning of the century.

Sarron lived up to his reputation of being a "cagey" fighter but did not have Armstrong's punch or staying power. Sarron set a terrific pace from the opening bell, and speed swept the negro off his feet. At times he boxed, at other times he cuffed Armstrong contemptuously almost where he pleased.

"NO-FOUL" RULE

Two rounds went to Sarron in this easy fashion. In the third Armstrong began to slow him up with sharp punches to the body in the clinches. Some of these went low and the third round was taken from Armstrong for low-punching under the New York Athletic Commission's "no-foul" rule.

It was not until the fourth round that the fight turned definitely in the negro's favour. As Sarron slowed up, Armstrong bore in. For a whole minute they swammin' toe-to-toe, and when the bell ended the exchange the advantage was Armstrong's. The negro followed up, but Sarron still fought back gamely, and several times stunned Armstrong with powerful uppercuts.

A "MASSACRE"

The final round, however, was almost a massacre. For a while Sarron hung on the ropes, defenceless, and it appeared that the referee might have to stop the bout, but Sarron somehow worked his way to a neutral corner. The knock-out blow was a short sharp right to the chin. Sarron fell forward and took the count kneeling, seemingly unable to rise or fall.

It had been stated that, win or lose, Armstrong would leave the feather-weight ranks because he

THE LYNCH TINY BOSTOCK TITLE FIGHT

Glasgow, October 30.

Efforts are being made by several leading promoters to stage a world fly-weight boxing championship between Benny Lynch, the Glasgow holder, and Tiny Bostock.

The managers of the two boxers have been in conference, and it is understood that promotions in Glasgow, Liverpool, and London will bid for the match. As Lynch was injured in a motor smash yesterday (a report of which appears elsewhere) any match between the two is not likely to take place for some time.

Mr. Fitzgerald, manager of Bostock, said yesterday that he regarded his man as the logical contender for Lynch's three titles—world, European, and British—and he felt sure that in due course Bostock would be given a chance against Lynch.

DOES NOT LIKE U.S.A.

It was only a fortnight ago that Lynch successfully defended his titles against Peter Kane, at Glasgow, and the Scot does not intend to be idle too long.

Lynch will not go to America, despite many lucrative offers. He favours boxing in his native city.

Bostock created a stir when he outpointed Small Montana, the Filipino, at Manchester last February. Lynch had previously beaten Montana in a world title fight, and Bostock's performance put him into the limelight for a contest with Lynch.

had difficulty in making the weight. His weight last night—8 st 12 lbs—came as a surprise, for just over a week ago he scaled 9 st 5½ lbs. The reduction was the result of intensive exercise in the gymnasium. Sarron weighed just 9st.

Armstrong was a 3 to 1 favourite, and with even money on his winning by a knock-out. Until last night Sarron had not been knocked out for twelve years, and it is eight years since he was knocked down.



A composite picture of last Saturday's Caer Clark Cup encounter between the Hong Kong Ladies and the "Y" Ladies, at the Valley, which the latter won by three clear goals. On top Mrs. Lumsden, the H. K. Ladies' custodian, is seen about to stop a shot from Miss Marie Smith, while bottom left shows a tussle for the ball in the H. K. Ladies' circle. Bottom right shows Miss Marie Smith scoring one of her two goals. ("Mail" photo).

MORE STRIKING SHOTS

(By "STICKS")

The following players have been selected to represent the Combined Services in their hockey fixture against the Civilians:

A. R. MacBride (Navy); Flt. Lieut. Wallace (R.A.F.), Spr. Swanson (R.E.), L/Cpl. Ray (R.E.), Cpl. Land (R.E.), Lieut. Comdr. Spencer (Navy); Hav-Shah Wali (Rajputs), Lieut. Sawal Khan (Rajputs), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Nk. Gopal Ram (Rajputs) and Partab Singh (Kumaons).

The game will be played on the Club ground on December 12.

The above team to represent the Combined Services was obviously selected following last Saturday's Army trial at Sookumpoo, but I must say that with the exception of the Naval and Air Force players, the Selectors had a very poor idea of what constituted form good enough to play for the team.

Capt. Stapleton should have secured the centre-half berth, while Edr. Carter, who gave a rousing exhibition last Saturday for Colours should easily have secured one of the two full-back berths. I cannot really understand Spr. Swanson's selection as he did nothing outstanding or of note to justify his selection.

Then again, Cpl. Land did not play in the trial, but was selected all the same! Something surely wrong here! Lt. Comdr. Spencer is given the left-half berth whereas actually he is a better pivot than either Land or Capt. Stapleton!

And Spr. Lt. Poulden, of the Navy, is the best left-half I have yet seen among the Services this season!

Shah Wali, of the Rajputana Rifles, was given the right-wing berth, probably because the inside is Lt. Seval Khan, of the same unit, whereas on Saturday's display Khanda Bax, who has been consistently good for the past two seasons, should have secured the berth! Nk. Gopal Ram, who did not play last Saturday, has been given the

inside-left berth in preference to Nerain Singh, of the Kumaons, who is the logical partner for Partab Singh, also of the Kumaons!

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It will be most interesting to see how this team blends. A parting shot — The Army selectors must have been blind to the fact that they have a wonderful goalkeeper in Pte. Wilson, of the Seaforths, who eclipsed all other goalkeeping performances I have seen the past two seasons!

STRIKING SHOTS

(Continued from Page 18)

A quick centre will satisfy his inside-forwards. Hollidge at inside-right, and Kennard, at centre-forward, have the makings of sound attacking players, but at the moment are lacking in thrust and waste too much time on short passing in or near the circle whereas a shot from the edge may sometimes bring better results.

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The one weak position in the team at the moment is on the left-wing, but I believe the School have someone to fill this berth. Fux-



man, who played against the Signals last Thursday, was much too slow and did not take advantage of the openings made for him.

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The School met the Signals, or rather an "A" eleven and lost by the odd goal in three and this evening they will meet a St. Andrew's eleven.

London, To-day.

The Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club announce that their differences with Harold Larwood, the former England Test fast bowler, have now been settled and that a three years contract, which is satisfactory to both sides, will be signed by Larwood within the next few days.

On August 24 the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club announced that H. Larwood had been suspended for the remainder of the season for a breach of discipline, following a resolution by the Committee. The Chairman and Secretary of the Club declined to make comments at the time. — Reuter.

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(By "ADREM")

WITH their ladies proving infinitely superior to the opposing ladies, Kowloon Tong scored a comfortable win last night over the University in the Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League.

Although several of the games were very hotly contested, I felt that there was never very much doubt as to the ultimate outcome. University ladies tried very hard, but they were a long way behind their opposite numbers as regards courtcraft and stroke-equipment.

This is the first time this season that I have seen any of the Varsity teams in action and I was particularly impressed with a newcomer to their ranks—T. F. Yong, who, I understand, has had considerable experience of the game in Malaya.

His partner last night, Miss L. B. Ghows, is a comparative novice, although the rapidity of her improvement, from game to game, in this match, marks her as a player who will be distinctly useful before the season is out, and he was compelled to do most of the work.

AMAZING "COVERAGE"

His coverage of court was amazing and his "ace" returns of seemingly unreturnable shots brought the house down. In build he is tall and to lob him is virtually impossible. His backhand is extremely powerful, his smash devastating and his courtcraft an education.

It is always risky to size up a man on one display, but I feel quite confident that Patrick Wong, for the last two seasons undisputedly Hong Kong's badminton player number one, will have to work very hard this year to retain that eminent position.

YONG SHINES

K. L. Yong played well up to his usual form and was largely responsible for the two sets won by himself and Miss Anderson. His smashing and half-court backhand strokes were prominently featured in a brilliant display.

After watching P. K. Hui's first game, I formed the impression that he was stale. One missed the Hui of last season. He was extraordinarily inaccurate and entirely lacking in confidence. In his last two games, however, he regained his touch and showed all his old mastery.

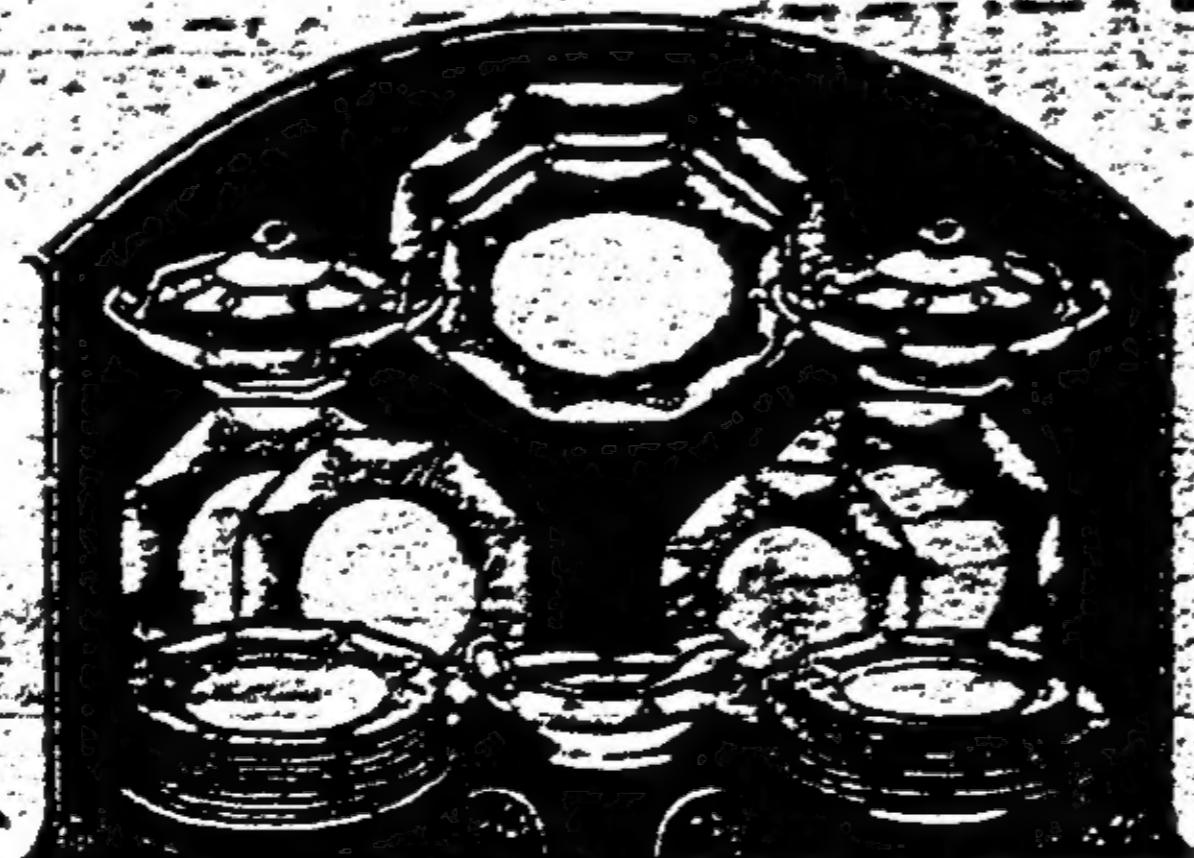
BEST HOME PAIR

Outstanding for the home team were A. W. da Roza and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro, who won all their three encounters. As a combination, they did not really inspire confidence, but their individual brilliance and mobility, combined, with Mrs. Castro's anticipation, pulled them through any awkward situations they found themselves in.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 9th December, 1937.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN.
Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) on Tuesday, the 14th December, 1937, at 5.15 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 1st December, 1937.

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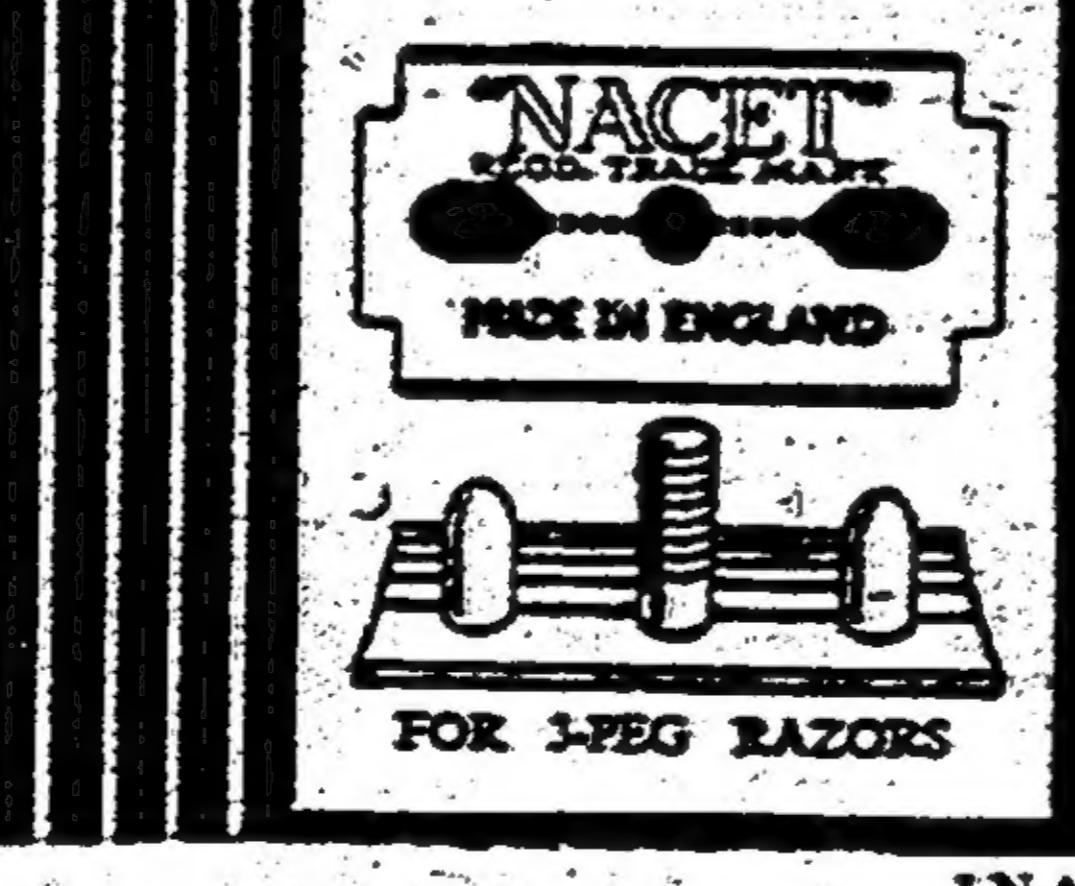
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The correspondent points out that the latest Navy List shows that the newly-organised 2nd Cruiser Squadron of the Home Fleet is now almost at full strength.

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JAPANESE ADVANCE NOT SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED

(Continued from Page 1) speed of the Japanese advance, and some speculation as to whether the Chinese are not entertaining the idea of providing a shock and a surprise for the Japanese forces.

The operations are being directed by China's leading generals, including Ho Ying-ching and Pei Chung-hsi, under the general command of Chiang Kai-shek himself.

—Our Own Correspondent

DOZEN FIRES

A sensational Japanese report was released this morning that Japanese guns are now pouring shells into the outskirts of Nanking.

No confirmation exists of the report, which is regarded as highly misleading.

Pukow, across the Yangtse, was bombed yesterday and the flames from a dozen fires are still raging unchecked.

Another Japanese claim says that "our troops are not meeting with serious resistance anywhere."

The Chinese newspapers in Shanghai announce that extensive last-minute preparations are being made to beat off the Japanese attack on the capital, and that General Chiang Kai-shek presided yesterday morning at a council of war which lasted several hours.

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Meanwhile, Japanese press reports state that more than 90 Japanese planes bombed Nanking this morning, the biggest air raid in the Sino-Japanese hostilities. — Reuter.

CANTON-MACAO AIR SERVICE

Canton, To-day. The South-West Aviation Corporation informed Reuter this morning that plans are under way for an air service between Canton and Macao.

The service will probably be inaugurated early in the New Year but a final decision is still to be reached. — Reuter.

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